

Senate Committee: Community Affairs Committee

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 2020 - 2021
Outcome: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

PDR Number: SQ20-000714

Question Subject: Home care waitlist

Type of Question: Written

Senator: Malarndirri McCarthy

Question:

The Minister for Aged Care stated in Estimates on 27 October 2020 that the home care waitlist was around 98,000. Can the Department confirm how many older Australians were waiting for their approved home care package on the 27 October 2020? Please provide a breakdown of this number by state and territory, by electorate, by Aged Care Planning Region and by level of package.

Answer:

As at 27 October 2020, 98,340 people in the National Prioritisation System (NPS) were yet to be offered their approved level package.

Where representing numbers of people by jurisdictions below the level of state and territory, the Department uses Aged Care Planning Region (ACPR) when reporting against key metrics of the Home Care Packages Program.

The Department produces counts of people in the NPS across state and territory by ACPR as reflected in the latest Home Care Data <https://genagedcaredata.gov.au/Resources/Reports-and-publications/2020/October/Home-care-packages-program-data-report-1-April>

The most recent quarterly counts available are for 30 September 2020.

Number of people in the NPS yet to be offered their approved level package
at 30 September 2020

State/territory & ACPR	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Totals
NSW Total	1,820	14,760	12,677	3,403	32,660
Central Coast	100	874	677	111	1,762
Central West	16	261	244	44	565
Far North Coast	97	1,109	798	190	2,194
Hunter	212	1,323	906	232	2,673

State/territory & ACPR	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Totals
Illawarra	151	946	628	134	1,859
Inner West	74	905	1,215	477	2,671
Mid North Coast	171	1,068	974	272	2,485
Nepean	26	445	470	108	1,049
New England	36	320	301	69	726
Northern Sydney	172	1,674	1,397	476	3,719
Orana Far West	79	337	213	36	665
Riverina/Murray	128	876	730	166	1,900
South East Sydney	183	1,596	1,476	437	3,692
South West Sydney	252	1,439	1,181	294	3,166
Southern Highlands	37	602	406	64	1,109
Western Sydney	86	985	1,061	293	2,425
VIC Total	813	12,001	10,148	4,132	27,094
Barwon-South Western	26	910	804	275	2,015
Eastern Metro	452	2,787	1,753	838	5,830
Gippsland	59	1,021	1,068	430	2,578
Grampians	7	606	527	156	1,296
Hume	67	499	233	35	834
Loddon-Mallee	36	602	460	249	1,347
Northern Metro	74	1,777	1,372	546	3,769
Southern Metro	62	2,515	2,803	1,083	6,463
Western Metro	30	1,284	1,128	520	2,962
QLD Total	494	6,373	6,346	1,913	15,126
Brisbane North	34	564	721	251	1,570
Brisbane South	80	835	688	195	1,798
Cabool	53	608	735	276	1,672
Central West	2	13	11	1	27
Darling Downs	62	507	621	222	1,412
Far North	7	462	263	52	784
Fitzroy	10	217	508	62	797
Logan River Valley	26	410	390	108	934
Mackay	13	106	73	7	199
North West	1	30	26	3	60
Northern	24	318	365	154	861
South Coast	35	577	569	165	1,346
South West	11	36	22	6	75
Sunshine Coast	44	993	881	312	2,230
West Moreton	39	245	151	37	472
Wide Bay	53	452	322	62	889
WA Total	75	2,612	4,224	2,682	9,593

State/territory & ACPR	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Totals
Goldfields	-	40	42	30	112
Great Southern	1	88	139	123	351
Kimberley	1	38	28	11	78
Metropolitan East	4	294	649	351	1,298
Metropolitan North	28	886	1,181	610	2,705
Metropolitan South East	17	394	623	514	1,548
Metropolitan South West	23	640	1,026	682	2,371
Mid West	-	35	99	39	173
Pilbara	-	9	22	5	36
South West	1	102	201	181	485
Wheatbelt	-	86	214	136	436
SA Total	176	3,753	5,275	1,374	10,578
Eyre Peninsula	8	202	169	18	397
Flinders & Far North	1	53	67	10	131
Hills, Mallee & Southern	53	494	464	120	1,131
Metropolitan East	13	405	883	314	1,615
Metropolitan North	49	891	903	228	2,071
Metropolitan South	5	559	1,136	278	1,978
Metropolitan West	10	401	1,028	301	1,740
Mid North	3	101	83	15	202
Riverland	12	175	150	28	365
South East	17	157	129	15	318
Yorke, Lower North & Barossa	5	315	263	47	630
TAS Total	44	969	1,202	448	2,663
North Western	20	245	283	131	679
Northern	10	289	256	136	691
Southern	14	435	663	181	1,293
ACT	13	397	393	244	1,047
NT Total	-	136	183	102	421
Alice Springs	-	20	22	17	59
Barkly	-	-	5	-	5
Darwin	-	96	134	68	298
East Arnhem	-	7	5	3	15
Katherine	-	13	17	14	44
UNKNOWN	2	36	32	16	86
NATIONAL TOTAL	3,437	41,037	40,480	14,314	99,268