



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Nicole Lawder

Ref: Community Services Directorate, seniors, 2.3

In relation to: Seniors card

- 1) Do senior cards expire? Why not?
- 2) According to the 2016 census data 55,985 people were eligible for a senior's card, however there was 69,905 cards in circulation. Why is there such a significant anomaly?

Minister Ramsay: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- 1) Seniors Cards do not have an expiry date as there is no identified benefit for this.
- 2) There are more cards in circulation than the 2016 number of people who meet the 2018 eligibility for a Seniors Card. This is because:
 - Since 2016, there has been a growth in the number of people eligible for the card;
 - Sometimes Seniors Card holders move or pass away and COTA ACT are not notified; and
 - When COTA issues replacement Seniors Cards, changes to address and name details can cause duplicate database entries.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Ramsay", is written over the signature line.

Date: 26/11/18

By the Minister for Seniors and Veterans, Mr Gordon Ramsay