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TRANSPARENCY IN AGED CARE – DATA RELEASE

De-identified financial performance data provided to the Department of Health and Ageing from residential aged care facilities for 2007-08 is now available on the Department's website.

Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot said the de-identified data derived from financial returns will assist residential aged care providers compare performance.

"This data allows individual providers to compare their performance with similar organisations, helping to identify areas for business improvement.

"The previous government committed to releasing financial performance data to assist the sector and stopped after one year.

"By comparison, this is the second dataset released by the Rudd Government.

"We are committed to transparency in the reporting of the performance of our aged care facilities, whether it is in quality performance or financial performance, to provide the data that the sector needs to continue to drive improvements in their operations," Minister Elliot said.

The de-identified financial data for 2007-08 is derived from information provided by approved providers through their General Purpose Financial Reports as a pre-condition for the payment of the Conditional Adjustment Payment.

The de-identified dataset contains information on revenues, costs, facility size and location across the industry.

Analysis by the Department of Health and Ageing indicates that the data indicates that the most efficient providers in the industry are continuing to improve their performance.

The de-identified data is available, together with the dataset derived from the 2006-07 General Purpose Financial Reports, is available at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-resid-care-fin-data.htm>.

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