



## More Choices for a Longer Life – more home care packages

The Government will increase funding for aged care by \$7 billion over five years. Since December 2017, the Government has announced an additional 40,000 home care packages.

The Government has increased home care packages from 60,308 in 2012–13 to 124,032 in 2018–19 and 157,154 in 2022–23. This Budget funds 10,000 packages (\$282.4 million), building on the 10,000 announced at the 2018–19 Mid-Year Fiscal and Economic Outlook and the 20,000 announced since December 2017. This responds to demand for people seeking additional support to live at home longer.

### Why is this important?

This builds on the Government's commitment to help senior Australians live in their own homes longer. Providing these additional home care packages allows people to get their approved level of care sooner.

Senior Australians have expressed their strong preference to stay in the homes and communities they have built their lives around for as long as possible.

### Who will benefit?

This will benefit senior Australians waiting to receive a home care package, including people who are already receiving services and have been assessed as needing a higher level package.

### How much will this cost?

This will cost \$282.4 million from 2018–19 to 2022–23.