Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-320

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP Super Clinics

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

For each of the 11 Operational GP Super Clinics:

- a) How many Full Time GPs are practising out of each clinic?
- b) Are these GPs new to the area, or have they transferred from existing clinics in the area? (Refer page 26 and subsequent Hansard 31 May)

Answer:

a) The Department collects data about GP workforce from operational GP Super Clinics at set points throughout the year.

The last data collection was end of March 2011. At this time, the (then) 10 operational GP Super Clinics reported that:

- there were 40 full-time GPs practising in the Clinics;
- there were 29 part-time GPs practising in the Clinics; and
- there were 4 locum GPs practising in the Clinics.

Updated data will be collected from operational GP Super Clinics later in 2011.

b) The Department does not routinely collect this information.