

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program

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Senator: Senator Wright

Question:

How many individual patients received services under the program each year, over the past five years and what was the expenditure on the program?

Answer:

In accordance with data supplied by the Department of Human Services, the number of individual patients that have received a service under the program each year over the past five years is as follows:

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12*
6,998	20,608	30,196	38,939	41,535

*Patient data for 2011-12 is to 30 April 2012

These data are based on the date services were provided to patients.

For the period 2007-2011 expenditure on payments to organisations for mental health nurse sessions and establishment payments is as follows:

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12*
\$2.747 million	\$13.386 million	\$21.397 million	\$27.164 million	\$35.643 million

*Expenditure data for 2011-12 is to 30 June 2012