

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program

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Question:

Was information also sent to the mental health nurse, as well as the organisations, from the Department of Human Services? [Letter from Department of Human Services of May 2012]. Who was that documentation sent to?

Answer:

The Department of Human Services advises that no information was sent directly to mental health nurses.

The Department of Human Services manages the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program through organisations that are registered under the program to receive payment for sessions provided by mental health nurses.

The information collected by the Department of Human Services in relation to mental health nurses is limited to the mental health nurses' name, date of birth and credential number.

The letters were sent to all registered organisations under the program.