

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 30 & 31 May and 1 June 2012

**Question: E12-326**

**OUTCOME 11: Mental Health**

**Topic:** Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

- a) Did the Department of Health and Ageing provide advice to the Government on the amount of funding required for the MHNIP if the program was not capped in 2012-13?
- b) If so, what is that amount of funding? And how many people would be expected to receive services through the program in 2012-13 if the program was not capped?

**Answer:**

The Department provides advice to Ministers as part of the Budget process. This information is Cabinet-in-confidence and therefore details are unable to be disclosed.