

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11- 309

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Referring to Question in Writing No.214, it was stated that the DoHA provides self reported numbers of service presentations at an aggregated level only (for GP Super Clinics), and they are not made publically available as they are commercial in confidence and that there are privacy protection considerations around releasing the data at an individual clinic level. Considering that the Minister has no problem releasing this "commercial in confidence" information,

- a) What are the number of services provided at each of the 11 GP Super Clinics,
- b) how many of these were GP services, and
- c) how many were allied services? - Refer page 26 and subsequent Hansard 31 May

Answer:

a), b) and c)

As advised previously, the Department of Health and Ageing provides self reported numbers of service presentations at an aggregated level only. Self reported services numbers for individual clinics are not made publicly available by the Department as:

- (i) there are commercial-in-confidence and privacy protection considerations around releasing data at the individual clinic level; and
- (ii) service numbers are not comparable (depending on when the Clinics commenced services, the size of the community, the number of service providers engaged etc) and could be open to misinterpretation.

As at 31 May 2011 there had been approximately 428,000 presentations at the (then) 11 operational GP Super Clinics including early services, if any, at those sites. Of these, there were approximately 318,000 presentations that were for GP services and approximately 110,000 presentations for nursing/allied health services.