

Question on notice no. 4

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2023-24 Additional estimates

Community Affairs Committee, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Portfolio

Senator the Hon. Anne Ruston: asked the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency on 15 February 2024—

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Answer —

Please see attached answer.

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As at 31 December 2023, there were **34,548 medical practitioners** holding specialist registration in general practice (includes medical practitioners who hold both general and specialist registration). There are also a small number of practitioners with limited or provisional registration, practising with supervision in general practice.

The number of **registered nurses and enrolled nurses** at 31 December 2023 is set out in the following table:

Divisions	Registrants
Enrolled Nurse (Division 2)	69,002
Enrolled Nurse (Division 2) and Registered Nurse (Division 1)	11,372
Registered Nurse (Division 1)	406,090
Total	486,464