

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 17 February 2012

Question: E12-397

OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

Topic: HEALTH WORKER STATIONS ON THE APY LANDS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

How many times did a medical doctor or registered nurse visit the health worker stations located in:

- a) Watarru;
- b) Yunyarinyi; and
- c) Nyapari during the 2010/11 financial year?

Answer:

a) to c)

The clinic at Pipalytjara is the major clinic for this area. There were three full time nurses that worked from this clinic. Of these three, one nurse travelled to Watarru and Nyapari spending two days at each health worker station each week.

Non-specialist medical doctors visited Watarru, and Nyapari clinics up to 3 times per year.

There were no visits made to Yunyarinyi by medical officers or nurses in 2010/2011 and patients were transported to Pipalyrjara to receive treatment.