

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-113

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: TASMANIAN GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Bushby asked:

Please provide details of the following:

- a) How many presentations each of Tasmania's GP Super Clinics receive per annum?
- b) How many GP's are practicing at each clinic?
- c) A breakdown of GP's working at each clinic by sex.
- d) What is the annual locum use and cost for each clinic?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing provides self-reported presentation numbers from GP Super Clinics at an aggregated level rather than releasing data at the individual Clinic level.

As at 31 January 2012, there had been a total of approximately 1.45 million presentations to GPs, nurses and allied health professionals at GP Super Clinics. This figure includes approximately 916,000 presentations at operational GP Super Clinics and 534,000 at Clinics delivering early services.

The current presentation data collection framework was implemented from 1 February 2011. For the year 1 February 2011 to 31 January 2012, there were approximately 627,000 presentations at the operational GP Super Clinics and 261,000 presentations at the Clinics delivering early services.

- b) The Department provides the number of full time equivalent GPs in GP Super Clinics at an aggregated level rather than releasing data at the individual Clinic level. As at 31 January 2012, there were approximately 129 full time equivalent GPs located at the operational GP Super Clinics.

c) The Department does not collect this information.

d) The Department does not collect this information.