

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-158

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: WORKFORCE AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Are there any plans to review or change recency of practice requirements that you are aware of?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing is aware that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) is currently reviewing its policy on re-entry to practice. A draft policy was released on 14 June 2011, with submissions closing on 9 August 2011.

More information on the process of consultation is available on the NMBA's website:  
[www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au)