

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-160

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: WORKFORCE AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) With respect to current nursing and midwifery requirements, how many approved programs exist throughout the country for nurses who have been out of the workforce for five years or longer? Are there programs available in each jurisdiction and how many?
- b) What are the costs of the programs and how long do they take?
- c) How many nurses and midwives have undertaken an approved program for recency of practice since July 2010?

Answer:

a), b) and c)

The Department of Health and Ageing does not have responsibility for the registration of nurses and does not hold this information. Information may be available from the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.