

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-162

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: WORKFORCE AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) How many nurses and midwives have updated recency of practice requirements by undertaking supervised practice experience since July 2010?
- b) Are there any additional requirements to be met if someone has not practised for 10 years?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing does not have responsibility for the registration of nurses and does not hold this information.
- b) Questions regarding the requirements for the recency of practice standard should be directed to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.