

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-363

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: HEALTH WORKFORCE CAPACITY

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please provide yearly statistics as to the number of registered nurses in Australia since 2007.

Answer:

Year	2007*	2008*	2009*	2010**	2011***
No.	245,491	253,685	260,121	-	290,072

* Data Source: AIHW Nursing and Midwifery Labour Force Survey

** AIHW data is not yet available for 2010

*** New Data Source: Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Annual Report. Note that this number is not directly comparable with data from the AIHW Nursing and Midwifery Labour Force Survey.