

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question:** E13-133

**OUTCOME 11:** Mental Health

**Topic:** Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program (MHNIP)

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**Senator:** Senator Wright

**Question:**

Can you tell me please, how much funding has been expended on the MHNIP to 31 December 2012 and what proportion that was of the financial year 2012-13 funding allocation?

**Answer:**

In accordance with data supplied by the Department of Human Services, as at 31 January 2013, including all sessions, adjustments and establishment payments claimed and paid to 31 December 2012, \$21.2 million had been expended on Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program in 2012-13. The \$21.2 million expenditure represents approximately 53 per cent of the total funding available under the program in 2012-13.