

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-135

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program (MHNIP)

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Senator: Senator Wright

Question:

Organisations have been asked to advise Medicare if they anticipate not using their full allocations of sessions – which is what you have indicated – in 2012-13. Have any organisations responded to that request?

Answer:

In accordance with data supplied by the Department of Human Services (DHS), as at 31 January 2013, nine organisations have advised DHS that they are not likely to utilise their full session allocation. DHS and the Department of Health and Ageing are working with these organisations to determine the level of their allocation that can be redistributed to organisations on the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program waiting list.