

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Health Workforce

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Question:

- a) The Portfolio Budget Statement identifies the key performance indicator that 4100 practices be supported through the Practice Nurse Incentive Program. Is this target being met?
- b) What analysis has been undertaken to examine the effectiveness of this program? What was the outcome of these reviews?

Answer:

- a) This target is being exceeded. As at 1 December 2014, there were 4,341 approved and active practices participating in the Practice Nurse Incentive Programme.
- b) A consultant was engaged by the Department of Health to undertake an evaluation of the Practice Nurse Incentive Programme. The Government is currently considering the findings of the evaluation.