

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-577

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: 2006 DENTAL LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

So where have you drawn that 2006 figure from? Could you give me a reference as to where that is?

It is in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) dental services research unit's dental labour force survey of 2006. I cannot tell you when it was published. I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The 2006 dental figures come from data sourced by the Department of Health and Ageing (the Department) from the AIHW Dental Statistics and Research Unit/Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health (ARCPHOH) Dental Labour Force data collection 2006.

The AIHW has been preparing the 2006 dental data for publication over the last few months. On 19 July 2011 it informed the Department that there are likely to be some changes to the data provided when released publicly.