

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013

Question: E13-034

OUTCOME: 11 - Mental Health

Topic: Mental Health Nurse Incentive Programme

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Wright

Question:

- a) How many organisations have written to the Department of Health and Ageing, or the Department of Human Services, requesting further sessions, following the completion of the initial appeal process in October 2012?
- b) How many organisations received further sessions as a result of their request?
- c) Has DOHA set a timeframe for responding to these requests?

Answer:

- a) 44 organisations wrote to the Department of Health and Ageing, or the Department of Human Services, requesting further sessions in 2012-13, following the completion of the initial appeal process in October 2012.
- b) 25 of the 44 organisations received an increase in their allocation subsequent to completion of the initial review process in October 2012.
- c) No specific timeframe was set for responding to these requests. All organisations that submitted a request for an increase were contacted by the Department of Human Services regarding the outcome of their request before the end of June 2013.