

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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

Question: E13-137

OUTCOME: 4 – Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: Aged Care Funding Instrument Validation

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Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

- a) How many validators do you have all-up in the department?
- b) Do you have any more in training?

Answer:

- a) Review officers are employed as departmental officers and may work in a number of the Department of Health and Ageing's programs at different times. At 30 May 2013 the Department had 46 Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) review officers employed in the program, although not all of these officers worked full time on ACFI review tasks.
- b) The Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14 reports that the Department will undertake 20,000 annual reviews of ACFI claims for the next four financial years. The total number of ACFI review officers generally remains steady.