

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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

Question: E13-232

OUTCOME: 12 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Nursing and Allied Health Rural Locum Scheme

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Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

What is the average cost per week for the locum under the program and what does it cover?

Answer:

The average cost per week is \$3200.00 for the travel, accommodation and the incentives for the locum. The fixed cost for a weekly placement would be the incentive and meal allowances. Accommodation and travel vary. Accommodation can range from the higher end of \$205 per night in a peak season compared to \$7.41 staying in nurses' quarters. Travel can range from the most expensive being \$6397.10 in an RA5 area in Western Australia to an RA2 area in New South Wales costing \$174.88.