Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Health Workforce Australia Abolition

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

The 2014 Budget papers indicate that \$142 million will be cut from the abolition of HWA. Could the Department provide a break down of the \$142 million figure?

Answer:

The Budget papers do not indicate that \$142 million will be cut from the abolition of Health Workforce Australia (HWA). These savings include uncommitted health workforce funding and changes to programmes.

\$5.6 billion is projected to be provided by the Government for health workforce programmes across the forward estimates.

The breakdown of the \$142 million, by year, across the forward estimates, is in the 2014-15 Budget Paper No 2, page 146.