

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program

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**Senator:** Wright, Penny

**Question:**

How many organisations were registered as eligible organisations at the outset of each financial year from 2007-08 until 1 July 2013? How many nurses have delivered services under the MHNIP between 1 July 2013 and the current date?

**Answer:**

In accordance with data supplied by Department of Human Services (DHS), the number of eligible organisations under the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program (MHNIP) at the outset of each financial year is as follows:

<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
155	350	270	373	446	477	418

The most available data on the number of nurses providing services under MHNIP is to 31 December 2013. According to the data supplied by DHS, 464 nurses had provided MHNIP services between 1 July 2013 and 31 December 2013.