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Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Senator POLLEY: Can you provide the total number of aged-care nurses that are in the country on 457 visas.

Ms Rule: I would have to take that on notice. I am not aware that we have that data but I can have a look.

Dr McCarthy: I think we might have been asked a similar question before and I am not sure we were able to obtain that, but we will take it on notice.

Senator POLLEY: And if you can take that on notice, it would be helpful to have that broken down into the aged-care planning regions. Obviously, there are some areas in the country, such as remote and regional areas, where they would struggle to get registered nurses, more so than somewhere in the capital cities.

Dr McCarthy: We can take that on notice.

Answer:

This question is the responsibility of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, as the Department of Health does not collect data on the number of aged care nurses on 457 visas.