

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-102

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

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Senator Adams asked:

Do you have the numbers of Indigenous medical students, nursing students and allied health students that are actually training at the moment?

Answer:

Whilst the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) keeps some data it is difficult to compile and accurately maintain due to difficulties monitoring Indigenous students, and students choosing not to identify. In addition, privacy issues are a concern given the indicative small numbers of students involved in some disciplines.

DEEWR have provided 2008 university Indigenous student enrolment data (which is the latest data available), as follows:

Health Course	2008 enrolments
Health	30
Medical studies	149
Nursing	675
Pharmacy	10
Dental Sciences	20
Optical Science	2
Public Health	479
Radiography	12
Rehabilitation Therapies	83
Complementary Therapies	27
Other (including Nutrition, Human Movement and paramedics)	186