

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-105

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: MENTAL HEALTH NURSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How many additional mental health nurses have been engaged, to date, under this measure?

Answer:

From 1 July to 31 August 2010, participating organisations had engaged 24 mental health nurses under the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program. Participating organisations engage mental health nurses under this program on a full time or part time basis, as required to meet the needs of their patients.