

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: NATIONAL REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) There are reports that conditions have been mistakenly dropped from and added to some doctors' registration status?
- b) How many medical practitioners have been affected?
- c) What types of errors in registration status have been detected?

Answer:

a – c)

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is not a Commonwealth scheme, it is a national scheme. The legislative framework for the Scheme is an applied laws model.

Queensland, as the lead state, introduced the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 (Qld)* (the National Law) which established new national boards and detailed the substantive provisions for registration and accreditation. The National Law was then applied in the remaining states and territories except Western Australia, which enacted a corresponding law.

The Department therefore is unable to provide this information.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is responsible for providing administrative support to the ten national health practitioner boards, including managing the registration processes for health practitioners and students around Australia and publishing national registers of practitioners.

Questions regarding errors in registration status for medical practitioners should be referred to AHPRA at:

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