

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-159

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MIDWIVES INITIATIVE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Di Natale asked:

Is the Department aware of how many of these midwives have been able to claim under items 82120 and 82125, for intrapartum services?

Answer:

From 1 November 2010 up to 30 September 2011, 10 services were provided by eligible midwives under item 82120, management of confinement for up to 12 hours. The number of midwives providing these services is small and in accordance with the secrecy provisions of Section 130 of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, this data cannot be publicly released.

From 1 November 2010 up to 30 September 2011, no services were provided under item 82125, management of confinement in excess of 12 hours where care is transferred to a second midwife.