

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-197

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: HEALTH AND HOSPITALS FUND

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

Please outline the Departmental resources allocated to managing the contracts awarded under the HHF.

- a) How many staff and at what level?
- b) Do staff manage multiple contracts? If so, what is the average number of contracts managed by individual staff members?
- c) How many of these staff has had previous experience in managing contracts?
- d) How many of these staff have qualifications in contract management or have completed training by the Australian Public Service Commission in contract management?

Answer:

a)

Position Level	Total
EL 2	2
El 1	8
APS 6	13
APS 5	1

- b) Yes; as at November 2011 the 24 staff are responsible for the management of 148 projects for which the Government has allocated funding. An average number is not meaningful as projects require different levels of work depending on which stage they are at.
- c) All staff have experience in managing contracts
- d) There are no mandatory qualifications for these positions, however all staff have completed program management and procurement training. There are also some staff members who have completed courses run by this department or other public sector agencies on contract management.