

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: REGIONAL WORKFORCE SHORTAGE

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Senator McKenzie asked:

Can the Department provide information on the number of geriatricians there were practising in Australia yearly from 2007 to 2010?

Would the Department provide those figures for the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 as a percentage or ratio of geriatricians to Australians aged 65 years and older?

Answer:

The number of geriatricians practicing in Australia and the proportion practising in relation to the Australian population aged 65 years and older are shown in the table below.

Please note that data is not yet available for 2010.

Employed geriatricians^(a): Number and proportion in relation to the population, 2007 to 2009			
	2007	2008	2009
Geriatricians	310	322	390
<i>Population aged 65 years and older</i>	<i>2,764,262</i>	<i>2,830,854</i>	<i>2,914,336</i>
Proportion in relation to population aged 65 years and older	0.011	0.011	0.013

(a) Practitioners who spent most of their time as clinicians and identified geriatrics as the area in which they specialised in their main job.

Sources: AIHW Medical Labour Force, 2007, 2008, 2009.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 3101.0 Australian Demographic Statistics, Table 9. Estimated Resident Population By Single Year Of Age, June 2010 Australia. Released at 11:30 AM (Canberra time) 21/12/2010 Final.