

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 21 October 2015**

**Ref No:** SQ15-000896

**OUTCOME:** 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

**Topic:** Health Workforce Planning and Pipelines

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

What is the Department doing about the shortage of graduate placements available for nursing graduates?

**Answer:**

The Commonwealth is not directly responsible for the recruitment of nurses, or the number of graduate nurses recruited to the health sector. State and territory governments are the primary employers of nurses and midwives through the public hospital sector.