ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

What is the average annual salary of nurses in Australian public hospitals? Please provide a national average as well as state and territory averages

Answer:

In 2014–15, the average annual salary for nurses in Australian public hospitals was $93,909. The following table shows the average salaries for full-time equivalent nurses for each state and territory in Australia in 2014–15.

Table 1: Average salaries for nurses (full-time equivalent staff) ($), public hospital services, states and territories, 2014–15

State/territory	Average salary
New South Wales	93,338
Victoria	86,832
Queensland	97,908
Western Australia	105,252
South Australia	91,422
Tasmania	94,150
Australian Capital Territory	96,027
Northern Territory	115,388
Australia	**93,909**

Source: AIHW, *Hospital resources 2014–15: Australian hospital statistics*

These figures include salaries and wages for enrolled nurses, registered nurses, student nurses and trainee/pupil nurses. The figures do not include superannuation employer contributions or other on-costs (such as employee-related expenses).

More information about average salaries for public hospital staff is included in Chapter 5 of the AIHW report Hospital resources 2014–15: Australian hospital statistics, available online at http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129556122