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Senate Inquiry into National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for Doctors and Other Health Workers – questions taken on notice

Hansard transcript page #	Request
CA11	List of partially regulated professions by profession and jurisdiction (Senator Boyce)
CA12	Number of registrants by profession and jurisdiction (Chair – Senator Moore) <i>(refers to earlier comment made on page CA8)</i>
CA18	Where will the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency fit in the Senate Estimates process – would it come under the Health and Ageing portfolio, would they be accountable to a Senate Estimates process? (Chair – Senator Moore)
CA19	Current fees by jurisdiction (Senator Bilyk)

The answers to requests from pages CA11, 12 and 19 are on the following pages. The answer to the question from page CA18 is as follows:

The model of national law utilised to establish the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions results in the national Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency being a statutory authority in all participating States and Territories. The Minister with responsibility for health in each jurisdiction will carry the accountability to Parliament in each State and Territory. The annual report for the national scheme will be submitted to the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council, which includes the Commonwealth Minister, with each Minister making arrangements for its tabling in their respective Parliaments. The relevance of estimates processes may depend on whether any government funding is going into the scheme. The scheme itself will be funded mainly from fees received from registrants and the sector.



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**CA11 – PROFESSIONS CURRENTLY REGISTERED IN ONE OR MORE, BUT NOT ALL, JURISDICTIONS
(Partially-regulated professions)**

Does this jurisdiction register this profession?									
	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA	Number of jurisdictions regulating
Aboriginal health workers	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	1
Chinese medicine practitioners	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	1
Dental technicians	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	4
Medical radiation practitioners (diagnostic radiographers, radiation therapists, nuclear medicine scientists/ technologists)	Yes	No	Yes*	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	6
Occupational therapists	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	4
Optical dispensers	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	1
Speech pathologists	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	1

Note: Northern Territory registers radiographers only

CA12 – ACTIVE REGISTRANTS IN THE TEN PROFESSIONS
Prepared May 2009

Profession	ACT	NSW	NT*	Qld	SA	Tas**	Vic	WA	Total
Chiropractic	57	1,414	25	677	340	41	1,227	312	4,093
Dental professions	370	5,448	193	3,545	1,759	311	3,580	1,960	17,166
Medical	2,435	33,231	1,925	16,792	7,240	2,533	20,803	8,101	93,060
Nursing and midwifery	5,146	101,928	5,616	56,948	29,538	8,176	85,516	33,703	326,571
Optometry	104	1,517	77	891	266	116	1,064	364	4,399
Osteopathy	40	562	8	115	27	33	590	39	1,414
Pharmacy	469	8,192	227	4,487	1,922	557	5,521	2,167	23,542
Physiotherapy	401	6,799	186	3,592	1,801	362	4,762	2,239	20,142
Podiatry***	42	954	-	481	323	75	887	319	3,081
Psychology	775	9,863	257	4,426	1,192	468	5,987	2,399	25,367
Total	9,839	169,908	8,514	91,954	44,408	12,672	129,937	51,603	518,835

Notes:

Registrant numbers are based on active registrants.

Registrant numbers do not include student registrants. Registrant numbers are not equivalent to the number of practitioners as, under mutual recognition, a practitioner may be registered in more than one jurisdiction.

Figures are taken from the most recent published annual reports (usually 2007-08), unless otherwise indicated.

Figures for dental professions include dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists and dental prosthetists.

* Figures for the Northern Territory are taken from surveys of registration boards conducted by the National Registration and Accreditation Implementation Project (NRAIP) team in September 2008 and in December 2008

** Figures for dental professions for Tasmania include details of registrants taken from annual reports supplemented with information on dental prosthetists taken from the surveys of registration boards conducted by the NRAIP team in 2008

*** Podiatry is not a regulated profession in the Northern Territory

CA19 – ANNUAL FEES FOR REGISTRATION RENEWAL
As at May 2009

Profession	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld***	SA	Tas	Vic	WA****	Weighted average
Chiropractic	330	250	150	396	600	550	350	450	352
Dentist*	280	200	100	287	470	385	435	250	302
Dental hygienist*	280	100	10	243	135	110	163	125	177
Dental therapist*	280	65	10	243	135	110	163	125	123
Dental prothetist*	270	160	10	258	355	470	310	-	238
Medical	325	270	150	430	410	400	415	385	355
Nursing and midwifery	110	70	50	94	115	130	95	90	89
Optometry	255	110	110	206	310	450	250	250	199
Osteopathy	330	385	150	842	600	550	200	500	353
Pharmacy	235	150	130	211	340	360	305	200	225
Physiotherapy	209	100	50	142	175	150	110	75	116
Podiatry**	330	135	-	290	200	300	315	225	234
Psychology	220	80	25	312	250	240	365	225	216
Weighted average	193	122	76	186	195	210	182	155	161

Notes:

Figures have been taken from information provided from registration boards in surveys conducted by the National Registration and Accreditation Implementation Project team in September 2008 and December 2008

* In jurisdictions where a breakdown of registrant numbers in each professional group is not available, figures are based on average ratios across jurisdictions

** Podiatrists are not registered in the Northern Territory

*** Queensland registers a professional group of dental auxiliaries, not dental hygienists or therapists

**** Dental prosthetists are not registered in Western Australia