

Question on notice from Senator Siewert to The Australia Institute, 2 July 2020:

Senator SIEWERT: Take, for example, the care economy. This question may be to Mr Richardson. Have you done the figures on how many jobs it would generate if we invested a million dollars in the care economy—in aged care, disability and social services? They're very feminised workforces, too.

Mr Richardson: Yes, they're about 85 per cent female, from memory, and—

Senator SIEWERT: If you don't have the figures, could you take that on notice?

Mr Richardson: Sure, but they're around—

Senator SIEWERT: The number of jobs per million dollars.

Mr Richardson: Yes. They're in the order of nine per million dollars—

Senator SIEWERT: About nine?

Dr Denniss: Around nine jobs per million, versus 1½ for construction.

Mr Richardson: I'll get you the exact figures, though.

Mr David Richardson, Senior Research Fellow, The Australia Institute provided the following response on 7 July 2020:

Table 1 gives the average number of jobs in the sectors for each \$1 million spending.

Table 1: Health care and social assistance (private) (Numbers refer to ABS classifications)

	Jobs per \$m spent
84 Hospitals (private)	8.1
85 Medical and other health care services (private)	6.2
86 Residential care services (private)	14.7
87 Social assistance services (private)	19.8
Total health care and social assistance (private)	10.2

Source: ABS 6306.0.

The ABS definitions of the above are given in Division Q of [https://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/5718D13F2E345B57CA257B9500176C8F/\\$File/12920_2006.pdf](https://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/Ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/5718D13F2E345B57CA257B9500176C8F/$File/12920_2006.pdf)

The question also went to the degree to which the sectors are feminised. The following Table 2 gives the share of women in the relevant sectors.

Table 2: Health care and social assistance

Industry sub-divisions	Females as a share of the total workforce (%)
84 Hospitals	76.9
85 Medical and other health care services	72.4
86 Residential care services	85.0
87 Social assistance services	80.6
Total health care and social assistance	77.7

Source; ABS 6291.0.55.003.

On the figures in Table 2 there is no doubt that Health Care and Social Assistance is very heavily feminised. The figures in Table 2 could be further broken down into full and part-time workers by sex if the Senate wishes.