

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-140

OUTCOME 4: Population and Ageing

Topic: AGED CARE WORKFORCE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) What accredited courses are being funded by the Supporting a Professional Aged Care Workforce program, announced by Minister Butler on 20 November 2010?
- b) Which registered training organisations, aged care providers and industry groups were successful in applying for funds?

Answer:

- a) The Supporting a Professional Aged Care Workforce Program provides a continuum of training, education and support for the aged care workforce ranging from short courses through to full aged care certificates in Vocational Education and Training, enrolled and registered nursing qualifications, student nurse clinical placements, nurse graduate programs and post-graduate support.

Under this measure the Department contracts with Registered Training Organisations to deliver the following accredited courses:

- Certificate III in Home and Community Care (CHC30308);
 - Certificate III in Aged Care (CHC30208);
 - Certificate IV in Aged Care (CHC40108);
 - Certificate IV in Home and Community Care (CHC40208);
 - Certificate IV in Leisure and Health (CHC40608);
 - Diploma of Community Services Coordination (CHC52208);
 - Certificate IV in Frontline Management (BSB40807);
 - Accredited aged care related short courses;
 - Diploma of Nursing (HLT51607); and
 - Certificate IV in Nursing (HLT4307) – Victoria only.
- b) The Department is currently assessing applications from Registered Training Organisations to train personal care workers in vocational education and enrolled nursing studies under the *Supporting a Professional Aged Care Workforce* measure. Successful applicants will be notified on completion of this assessment and funding agreements over \$100,000 will be reported on the Department's website in accordance with the Senate Order requirements of July 2001 (Murray Motion).