

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-191

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: HEALTH WORKFORCE AUSTRALIA

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Did Health Workforce Australia take over the recruitment role last year – what are the recruitment levels so far this financial year.

Answer:

No, Health Workforce Australia (HWA) did not take over the international recruitment role last year and therefore has no report to make on recruitment levels for this financial year.

HWA under its workplan has responsibility for delivering a nationally consistent approach to the recruitment of international health professionals for Australia. Health Workforce Australia will be developing a national strategy for international recruitment over the next few months.

HWA will also be funding an International Health Professional Support program targeting recruitment and retention of international health professionals to work in primary care services in rural areas. This will be delivered by Rural Health Workforce Australia.