

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-258

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: HEALTH WORKFORCE AUSTRALIA

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

The reason I ask is that we have trawled through there. If you remember – probably a couple of estimates ago – we discussed the number senior executive positions that they were putting in newspapers and I thought that it was up to about 120 positions. If my recollection serves me correctly, it was about \$30 million just in terms of start-up costs. Could I just have a sort of snapshot as to where we are at there?

Answer:

As at 16 March 2011 HWA had a total of 105 positions. Of these 105 positions 83 are on HWA employment contracts (either fixed term or ongoing), four on secondment from other government agencies and 18 engaged as contractors/consultants.

As stated in the response to E11000193 six of these positions are senior executive level positions.

HWA's operational budget for 2010/11 is \$30 million.