

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11- 319

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How many GPs were practising in the local vicinity of each of the GP Super Clinics at the time the GP Super Clinic announcement for that location was made? (Refer page 26 and subsequent Hansard 31 May.)

Answer:

Data for small geographical areas such as Local Government Areas are generally considered confidential under the secrecy provisions of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* and cannot be released. The smallest geographical areas for which the Department routinely produces Medicare utilisation statistics are the Commonwealth Electoral Divisions. These statistics are published annually on the Department's website. GP workforce statistics are only produced annually at the Rural, Remote, Metropolitan Area level and the state/territory by Remoteness Area level. The latter are also available on the Department's website.