

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30 May 2011

Question: E11-065

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: MENTAL HEALTH NURSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM (MHNIP)

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

What were the cumulative figures for funding and number of people to whom services were provided over the period 2006 to 2011?

Answer:

The MHNIP was announced as part of the COAG National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006-2011. Program development was undertaken in 2006-07 and the program commenced on 1 July 2007.

As at 31 May 2011 (the most recently available reporting from Medicare Australia, the program administrator), the cumulative number of people who have received services under the program is 74,560.

Table 1: MHNIP Administered Funding Allocation (2006-07 to 2010-2011)

(\$M)	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
Current Funding Allocation	-	10.754	12.957	12.175	23.500	59.386