

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-134

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: NATIONALLY REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGISTS

Written Question on Notice:

Senator Adams asked:

Why has the APB spent money adding new extra qualifications and compliance measures for Psychologists to be nationally registered, when this will increase the costs for individual psychologists, negatively impact 80 percent of psychologists businesses, and disadvantage their ability to deliver services to the mentally ill.

Answer:

This is a question for the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA).