

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-457

OUTCOME 6: Rural Health

Topic: SPECIALIST OBSTETRICIAN LOCUM SCHEME (SOLS)

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Senator Nash asked:

How many locums has the Specialist Obstetrician Locum Scheme actually brought to rural and regional areas since 2006?

- Can you also break down these placements down by RA location?
- How many days were spent at these locations?
- Could you also provide the travel mode for those trips? Did they fly? Did they drive?

Answer:

a) and b)

The following table provides the number of placements and the number of days undertaken from 1 July 2006 to 30 August 2009. Data on the travel mode is not available for this period.

RRMA	Number of Placements	Days	Number of Placements	Days	Number of Placements	Days	Number of Placements	Days
	1Jul 2006-30 Sept 2007		1Oct 2007-30 Sept 2008		1Oct 2008-30 June 2009		1July 2009-30 August 2009	
Specialist Placements								
1	0	-	3	-	1	8	0	0
2	0	-	1	-	3	8	0	0
3	7	-	31	-	33	108	5	40
4	11	-	34	-	32	206	3	18
5	4	-	0	-	13	72	2	7
6	1	-	1	-	6	22	3	28
7	2	-	1	-	3	25	0	0
GP Obstetrician Placements								
1	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
2	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
3	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
4	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0
5	-	-	-	-	7	107	0	0
6	-	-	-	-	9	77	3	31
7	-	-	-	-	1	16	0	0

- c) The following table provides data on the number of placements, the number of days and the travel mode for placements undertaken for the period 1 September 2009 to 30 June 2011.

The table includes the classification of placements by both RRMA and ASGC-RA. The placements classified by RRMA were undertaken from 1 September 2009 to 30 June 2010 and the placements classified by ASGC-RA, which has superseded RRMA, were undertaken from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

Location	Number of Placements	Days	Travel				
			Flight	Train	Car	N/A*	
Specialist Placements							
1 September 2009 – 30 June 2010							
RRMA	3	18	175	7	1	6	4
	4	37	247	10	4	14	9
	5	4	12	1	-	3	-
	6	4	26	4	-	-	-
	7	1	7	1	-	-	-
1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011							
ASGC-RA	2	59	465	17	10	20	12
	3	5	62	-	-	5	
	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
GP Obstetrician Placements							
1 September 2009 – 30 June 2010							
RRMA	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	2	42	1	-	1	
	5	20	158	10	-	8	2
	6	1	18	1	-	-	-
	7	2	26	2	-	-	-
1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011							
RA	2	12	35			12	
	3	18	179	14	4		
	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Not applicable – no travel costs incurred