

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 31 May 2011

Question: E11- 461

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: AGED CARE ACCESS INITIATIVE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Are you able to track where those increases are – whether they are in metropolitan aged care facilities or regional and rural ones and provide a breakdown in terms of doctors and allied professionals?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing does not have data on the services provided by either doctors or allied health care professionals by geographic classification for the purposes of the Aged Care Access Initiative. To obtain this data would require significant changes to the Medicare Australia administration system.