

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: WORKFORCE IN RURAL AREAS

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Question:

Specifically which departments are involved in the interdepartmental discussions taking place in regards to both fly-in fly-out and drive-in drive-out workforces across Australia and the range of impacts it has.

Answer:

Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport is leading the Fly-In-Fly-Out/Drive-in-Drive-Out (FIFO/DIDO) working group to assist in the preparation of a whole-of-government response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Australia (the Committee) inquiry into the use of FIFO and DIDO workforce practices in regional Australia.

A list of the current FIFO/DIDO working group membership is below:

- Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport;
- Prime Minister and Cabinet;
- Department of Treasury;
- Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism;
- Department of Infrastructure and Transport;
- Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education;
- Department of Health and Ageing;
- Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs;
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations;
- Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities;
- Department of Immigration and Citizenship; and
- Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The Committee is expected to release its final report in February 2013.