

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Dental Care

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

The Australian Dental Association estimate that about 460 new domestic dentists are needed each year to meet demand and cover attrition – is that a figure the Government agrees with?

Answer:

The Government is aware of the modelling used by the Australian Dental Association to reach this figure. The modelling is based on attrition patterns and does not factor in service utilisation patterns, which should be considered in modelling for workforce planning purposes.