

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:

Is the department aware that Health Workforce Australia advised the Australian Workforce & Productivity there is a projected oversupply of dentist to 2025 when it considered the recommendation from AWWPA to leave the occupation of dentist on the Skilled Occupation List for 2014?

Answer:

Yes. It should be noted that advice from Health Workforce Australia to the Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency indicated that, even though there was a projected national oversupply of dentists, there is a maldistribution of dentists across geographical areas and workplace settings.