

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Closure of Merimbula Medicare

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Question:

- a) How many staff will be relocated from Merimbula to other centres?
- b) How many interactions, face to face and other, were handled by Merimbula Centrelink/Medicare in the 2014-2015 year?
- c) How much in payments was made through the Merimbula centre in 2014/15?

Answer:

- a) One staff member was relocated to Bega on 2 November 2015. Other staff at Merimbula were based in Bega and visited the office on rotation.
- b) There were 12,241 face to face interactions in the 2014-15 year.
- c) The data reporting on payments at site level is not available.