

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Departmental Structure

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Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Senator POLLEY: Can you please provide, on notice, what the department is listening for, a list of keywords and terms which are being monitored—this will help you when you take it on notice—an update on the structure of the department, and the current staffing levels at the department and how it compares to 12 months ago.

Answer:

The first part of this question relates to the QON SQ16-000456 on social listening and the Department of Health's contract with Lexer. The keywords and terms searched using the Lexer product includes My Health Record and variants such as eHealth, health record and #myhealthrecord.

The Department's organisation structure chart can be found at www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing/nsf/Content/health-struct.htm

The department's staffing levels at 31 October 2015 (prior to Machinery of Government changes) and 31 October 2016 (includes post Machinery of Government changes: Ageing and Aged Care from Department of Social Services and Health Provider Compliance for the Medicare Benefits Schedule and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, and allied health services from the Department of Human Services):

	October 2015	October 2016
Headcount	3,515	5,256
Full time equivalent (FTE)	3,173	4,759