

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Additional Estimates 2006-2007, 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2007

**Question: HS25**

**Department: Department of Human Services**

**Outcome 1, Output 1**

**Topic: Job Capacity Assessments**

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**SENATOR WONG** asked on 16/02/2007:

[In relation to breakdown by profession of people who conduct job capacity assessments]

**Senator WONG**—So there are no assessments by medical practitioners?

**Ms Frame**—There are a very small number that are. When I said allied health professionals—or a medical practitioner, which is a very small number. I think it is approximately two per cent.

**Senator WONG**—So about two per cent are medical practitioners. Can you break it up for me?

**Ms Frame**—This is from memory. I am happy to provide it on notice.

**Senator WONG**—I am happy to take it on the basis that you might want to confirm it on notice.

**ANSWER:**

The table below shows the number of Job Capacity Assessments completed from 3 July 2006 to 9 March 2007 by the qualifications of the Job Capacity Assessor. It shows that 1.5 per cent of the 242,085 assessments completed to 9 March 2007 were completed by Registered Medical Practitioners.

<b>Assessor Qualifications</b>	<b>No. completed JCA's</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Registered Psychologist	90,295	37.3
Other*	59,605	24.6
Social Worker	26,966	11.1
Registered Occupational Therapist	22,539	9.3
Accredited Rehabilitation Counsellor	17,103	7.1
Registered Nurse	11,794	4.9
Accredited Exercise Physiologist	5,186	2.1
Registered Physiotherapist	5,076	2.1
Registered Medical Practitioner	3,521	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>242,085</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* 'Other' mainly comprises psychologists who are in their final term of training working under the supervision of a registered psychologist but are not yet fully registered.

Note that the response to Question HS33 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2006, showed the breakdown of assessor by their main qualification. The table above shows a breakdown of assessments by assessor qualifications.

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