

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and Agencies

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Topic: Department of Human Services - Job Capacity Assessments

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SENATOR EVANS asked on 31/10/2006:

Please provide a breakdown of the Job Capacity Assessors, by main allied health qualification (e.g. occupational therapist, psychologist, etc) by years of practical experience in their current profession?

Answer:

As at 10 November 2006, the breakdown of Job Capacity Assessors by main allied health qualification was:

- 575 registered psychologists
- 269 registered occupational therapists
- 191 accredited rehabilitation counsellors
- 162 were social workers
- 77 were registered nurses
- 65 were registered physiotherapists
- 61 were accredited exercise physiologists
- 43 were registered medical practitioners

There were 216 assessors categorised as 'other' which mainly comprise psychologists who are in their final term of training working under the supervision of a registered psychologist but are not yet fully registered.

Data is not available on Job Capacity Assessors' years of practical experience in their current profession.

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