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Agency: Australian Hearing

Topic: Inquiry into Hearing Health in Australia

Senator: Senator Adams

Question reference number: Question 1

Type of question: Hansard CA 96

Question: Does Australian Hearing offer clinical placements at all? Do you ever have any vacancies to take the students on?

Answer:

In 2009 Australian Hearing provided clinical supervision to Audiology students as follows:

State	Total Days
NSW	225
VIC	405
QLD	203
WA	110
SA	180
NT	51
TOTAL	1,174

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Senator: Senator Siewert (Chair)

Question reference number: Question 2

Type of question: Hansard CA 97

Question: I am also interested in other Aboriginal communities outside the NT and maybe even comparing the intensification of activity in the NT with remote communities in the states, particularly Queensland, WA and South Australia. Are we noticing a difference in terms of the level of follow-up?

Answer: Information on the number of Indigenous and non Indigenous clients seen by Australian Hearing for the years 2006/07 to 2008/09 by State and separated into urban, rural and remote locations is shown in **Attachment A**.

The data shows a significant increase in the number of eligible Indigenous clients seen in most States in 2007/08, particularly in Western Australia. The increase in Indigenous children seen continued in 2008/09 in NSW, Western Australia and Tasmania, urban areas in the Northern Territory and Victoria, urban and remote areas of Queensland and remote areas of South Australia.

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Attachment A

Indigenous CSO Clients							
Number of CSO Clients				Percentage Change Compared to Previous Financial Year			
ACT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	ACT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	12	15	12	Urban	NA	25.0%	-20.0%
Rural	0	0	0	Rural	NA	NA	NA
Remote	0	0	0	Remote	NA	NA	NA
Children	12	15	12	Children	NA	25.0%	-20.0%
Urban	6	10	9	Urban	NA	66.7%	-10.0%
Rural	0	0	0	Rural	NA	NA	NA
Remote	0	0	0	Remote	NA	NA	NA
Adults	6	10	9	Adults	NA	66.7%	-10.0%
TOTAL	18	25	21	TOTAL	NA	38.9%	-16.0%
NSW	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	NSW	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	310	363	430	Urban	NA	17.1%	18.5%
Rural	129	140	201	Rural	NA	8.5%	43.6%
Remote	11	9	9	Remote	NA	-18.2%	0.0%
Children	450	512	640	Children	NA	13.8%	25.0%
Urban	249	331	325	Urban	NA	32.9%	-1.8%
Rural	347	266	280	Rural	NA	-23.3%	5.3%
Remote	21	24	27	Remote	NA	14.3%	12.5%
Adults	617	621	632	Adults	NA	0.6%	1.8%
TOTAL	1,067	1,133	1,272	TOTAL	NA	6.2%	12.3%
NT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	NT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	0	55	84	Urban	NA	NA	52.7%
Rural	53	121	50	Rural	NA	128.3%	-58.7%
Remote	887	1,257	1,191	Remote	NA	41.7%	-5.3%
Children	940	1,433	1,325	Children	NA	52.4%	-7.5%
Urban	0	2	13	Urban	NA	NA	550.0%
Rural	72	86	65	Rural	NA	19.4%	-24.4%
Remote	331	394	541	Remote	NA	19.0%	37.3%
Adults	403	482	619	Adults	NA	19.6%	28.4%
TOTAL	1,343	1,915	1,944	TOTAL	NA	42.6%	1.5%

Non-Indigenous CSO Clients							
Number of CSO Clients				Percentage Change Compared to Previous Financial Year			
ACT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	ACT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	745	905	794	Urban	NA	21.5%	-12.3%
Rural	0	0	0	Rural	NA	NA	NA
Remote	0	0	0	Remote	NA	NA	NA
Children	745	905	794	Children	NA	21.5%	-12.3%
Urban	121	79	108	Urban	NA	-34.7%	36.7%
Rural	0	0	0	Rural	NA	NA	NA
Remote	0	0	0	Remote	NA	NA	NA
Adults	121	79	108	Adults	NA	-34.7%	36.7%
TOTAL	866	984	902	TOTAL	NA	13.6%	-8.3%
NSW	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	NSW	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	6,278	6,385	6,612	Urban	NA	1.7%	3.6%
Rural	1,122	1,160	1,096	Rural	NA	3.4%	-5.5%
Remote	64	65	79	Remote	NA	1.6%	21.5%
Children	7,464	7,610	7,787	Children	NA	2.0%	2.3%
Urban	2,605	2,638	2,776	Urban	NA	1.3%	5.2%
Rural	598	616	615	Rural	NA	3.0%	-0.2%
Remote	24	27	34	Remote	NA	12.5%	25.9%
Adults	3,227	3,281	3,425	Adults	NA	1.7%	4.4%
TOTAL	10,691	10,891	11,212	TOTAL	NA	1.9%	2.9%
NT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	NT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	0	0	1	Urban	NA	NA	NA
Rural	130	167	140	Rural	NA	28.5%	-16.2%
Remote	182	109	62	Remote	NA	-40.1%	-43.1%
Children	312	276	203	Children	NA	-11.5%	-26.4%
Urban	0	0	0	Urban	NA	NA	NA
Rural	19	30	15	Rural	NA	57.9%	-50.0%
Remote	21	14	17	Remote	NA	-33.3%	21.4%
Adults	40	44	32	Adults	NA	10.0%	-27.3%
TOTAL	352	320	235	TOTAL	NA	-9.1%	-26.6%

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QLD	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	QLD	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	175	343	385	Urban	NA	96.0%	12.2%
Rural	622	764	699	Rural	NA	22.8%	-8.5%
Remote	593	586	634	Remote	NA	-1.2%	8.2%
Children	1,390	1,693	1,718	Children	NA	21.8%	1.5%
Urban	118	189	168	Urban	NA	60.2%	-11.1%
Rural	239	325	269	Rural	NA	36.0%	-17.2%
Remote	157	176	212	Remote	NA	12.1%	20.5%
Adults	514	690	649	Adults	NA	34.2%	-5.9%
TOTAL	1,904	2,383	2,367	TOTAL	NA	25.2%	-0.7%
SA	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	SA	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	86	78	59	Urban	NA	-9.3%	-24.4%
Rural	77	77	76	Rural	NA	0.0%	-1.3%
Remote	107	137	182	Remote	NA	28.0%	32.8%
Children	270	292	317	Children	NA	8.1%	8.6%
Urban	35	40	44	Urban	NA	14.3%	10.0%
Rural	53	43	26	Rural	NA	-18.9%	-39.5%
Remote	77	47	27	Remote	NA	-39.0%	-42.6%
Adults	165	130	97	Adults	NA	-21.2%	-25.4%
TOTAL	435	422	414	TOTAL	NA	-3.0%	-1.9%
TAS	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	TAS	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	13	42	50	Urban	NA	223.1%	19.0%
Rural	0	7	10	Rural	NA	NA	42.9%
Remote	1	1	7	Remote	NA	0.0%	600.0%
Children	14	50	67	Children	NA	257.1%	34.0%
Urban	8	19	17	Urban	NA	137.5%	-10.5%
Rural	3	12	11	Rural	NA	300.0%	-8.3%
Remote	17	10	12	Remote	NA	-41.2%	20.0%
Adults	28	41	40	Adults	NA	46.4%	-2.4%
TOTAL	42	91	107	TOTAL	NA	116.7%	17.6%

Non-Indigenous CSO Clients							
Number of CSO Clients				Percentage Change Compared to Previous Financial Year			
QLD	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	QLD	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	3,266	3,413	3,500	Urban	NA	4.5%	2.5%
Rural	1,794	1,923	1,890	Rural	NA	7.2%	-1.7%
Remote	80	56	60	Remote	NA	-30.0%	7.1%
Children	5,140	5,392	5,450	Children	NA	4.9%	1.1%
Urban	1,412	1,380	1,514	Urban	NA	-2.3%	9.7%
Rural	449	414	490	Rural	NA	-7.8%	18.4%
Remote	24	20	25	Remote	NA	-16.7%	25.0%
Adults	1,885	1,814	2,029	Adults	NA	-3.8%	11.9%
TOTAL	7,025	7,206	7,479	TOTAL	NA	2.6%	3.8%
SA	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	SA	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	1,265	1,297	1,187	Urban	NA	2.5%	-8.5%
Rural	197	185	175	Rural	NA	-6.1%	-5.4%
Remote	22	25	24	Remote	NA	13.6%	-4.0%
Children	1,484	1,507	1,386	Children	NA	1.5%	-8.0%
Urban	577	436	508	Urban	NA	-24.4%	16.5%
Rural	66	55	68	Rural	NA	-16.7%	23.6%
Remote	7	9	5	Remote	NA	28.6%	-44.4%
Adults	650	500	581	Adults	NA	-23.1%	16.2%
TOTAL	2,134	2,007	1,967	TOTAL	NA	-6.0%	-2.0%
TAS	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	TAS	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	974	945	965	Urban	NA	-3.0%	2.1%
Rural	126	126	171	Rural	NA	0.0%	35.7%
Remote	1	2	1	Remote	NA	100.0%	-50.0%
Children	1,101	1,073	1,137	Children	NA	-2.5%	6.0%
Urban	304	322	369	Urban	NA	5.9%	14.6%
Rural	101	124	133	Rural	NA	22.8%	7.3%
Remote	3	1	0	Remote	NA	-66.7%	-100.0%
Adults	408	447	502	Adults	NA	9.6%	12.3%
TOTAL	1,509	1,520	1,639	TOTAL	NA	0.7%	7.8%

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VIC	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	VIC	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	232	258	326	Urban	NA	11.2%	26.4%
Rural	155	173	151	Rural	NA	11.6%	-12.7%
Remote	0	0	0	Remote	NA	NA	NA
Children	387	431	477	Children	NA	11.4%	10.7%
Urban	181	148	157	Urban	NA	-18.2%	6.1%
Rural	83	91	69	Rural	NA	9.6%	-24.2%
Remote	0	0	0	Remote	NA	NA	NA
Adults	264	239	226	Adults	NA	-9.5%	-5.4%
TOTAL	651	670	703	TOTAL	NA	2.9%	4.9%
WA	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	WA	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	23	108	113	Urban	NA	369.6%	4.6%
Rural	7	96	145	Rural	NA	1271.4%	51.0%
Remote	102	305	538	Remote	NA	199.0%	76.4%
Children	132	509	796	Children	NA	285.6%	56.4%
Urban	77	127	79	Urban	NA	64.9%	-37.8%
Rural	26	44	139	Rural	NA	69.2%	215.9%
Remote	122	186	288	Remote	NA	52.5%	54.8%
Adults	225	357	506	Adults	NA	58.7%	41.7%
TOTAL	357	866	1,302	TOTAL	NA	142.6%	50.3%
NAT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	NAT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	851	1,262	1,459	Urban	NA	48.3%	15.6%
Rural	1,043	1,378	1,332	Rural	NA	32.1%	-3.3%
Remote	1,701	2,295	2,561	Remote	NA	34.9%	11.6%
Children	3,595	4,935	5,352	Children	NA	37.3%	8.4%
Urban	674	866	812	Urban	NA	28.5%	-6.2%
Rural	823	867	859	Rural	NA	5.3%	-0.9%
Remote	725	837	1,107	Remote	NA	15.4%	32.3%
Adults	2,222	2,570	2,778	Adults	NA	15.7%	8.1%
TOTAL	5,817	7,505	8,130	TOTAL	NA	29.0%	8.3%

Non-Indigenous CSO Clients							
Number of CSO Clients				Percentage Change Compared to Previous Financial Year			
VIC	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	VIC	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	4,432	4,742	4,690	Urban	NA	7.0%	-1.1%
Rural	104	108	88	Rural	NA	3.8%	-18.5%
Remote	0	0	0	Remote	NA	NA	NA
Children	4,536	4,850	4,778	Children	NA	6.9%	-1.5%
Urban	2,568	2,563	2,752	Urban	NA	-0.2%	7.4%
Rural	119	110	105	Rural	NA	-7.6%	-4.5%
Remote	0	0	0	Remote	NA	NA	NA
Adults	2,687	2,673	2,857	Adults	NA	-0.5%	6.9%
TOTAL	7,223	7,523	7,635	TOTAL	NA	4.2%	1.5%
WA	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	WA	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	1,146	1,411	1,521	Urban	NA	23.1%	7.8%
Rural	96	107	98	Rural	NA	11.5%	-8.4%
Remote	23	34	27	Remote	NA	47.8%	-20.6%
Children	1,265	1,552	1,646	Children	NA	22.7%	6.1%
Urban	877	859	897	Urban	NA	-2.1%	4.4%
Rural	55	45	48	Rural	NA	-18.2%	6.7%
Remote	5	15	9	Remote	NA	200.0%	-40.0%
Adults	937	919	954	Adults	NA	-1.9%	3.8%
TOTAL	2,202	2,471	2,600	TOTAL	NA	12.2%	5.2%
NAT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	NAT	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Urban	18,106	19,098	19,270	Urban	NA	5.5%	0.9%
Rural	3,569	3,776	3,658	Rural	NA	5.8%	-3.1%
Remote	372	291	253	Remote	NA	-21.8%	-13.1%
Children	22,047	23,165	23,181	Children	NA	5.1%	0.1%
Urban	8,464	8,277	8,924	Urban	NA	-2.2%	7.8%
Rural	1,407	1,394	1,474	Rural	NA	-0.9%	5.7%
Remote	84	86	90	Remote	NA	2.4%	4.7%
Adults	9,955	9,757	10,488	Adults	NA	-2.0%	7.5%
TOTAL	32,002	32,922	33,669	TOTAL	NA	2.9%	2.3%