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Senator: Senator Wright

Question:

\$6.1 million of funding was allocated to provide training to frontline community workers in 40 regions in Australia. Please list all regions which have received funding for training, how much funding was allocated to each region, a description of the training that was provided for each region, and how many people received training in each region.

Answer:

A breakdown of all region specific information is not available at this stage of the Project. The three organisations engaged in mid-2012 to provide mental health first aid training are continuing comprehensive consultations with industry sectors to determine the most appropriate regions to provide training. The table below represents the number of participants that have been trained since pilot training commenced in July 2012.

Table 1. Number of participants trained per month per sector.

Sector	Regions	July 2012	August 2012	September 2012	October 2012	Total
Healthcare: nurses and nursing students	NSW, NT, VIC and QLD (Regional and Metropolitan)	46*	-	30	133	209
Healthcare: medical students	NSW (Metropolitan)	308*	-	-	-	308
Legal	NSW and VIC (Metropolitan)	-	-	6*	15*	21
Total		354	-	36	148	538

* Indicates pilot training to assist in tailoring the training course to the industry sector.

Training will continue to be delivered to all three industry sectors to June 2014. Detailed information of regions, the type of training and associated funding will be available as the project progresses.