

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2013 - 2014, 26 February 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Care

**Topic:** Practice Incentive Program

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

- a) Can you provide a date when the doubling of the PIP for teaching is expected to start?
- b) How much will the doubling of the PIP cost? How many training places this will create?

**Answer:**

- a) Implementation options, including a start date, for the doubling of the Practice Incentives Programme (PIP) teaching payment is under consideration by Government.
- b) The cost to double the PIP teaching payment is being considered by the Government in the 2014-15 Budget context.

The impact on training places will not be known until implementation options are finalised.