

## Senate Community Affairs Committee

### ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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

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**OUTCOME:** 12 - Health Workforce Capacity

**Topic:** Health Scholarships

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

**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

In previous estimates the Department took a Question on Notice about what types of scholarships are available to various allied health professionals, including nursing. This was the answer: "Scholarships are provided for nursing and various allied health students and professionals undertaking undergraduate and postgraduate studies, continuing professional development and clinical places." Can the Department please provide a list of all the scholarships which are available to various allied health professionals and nursing students funded by the Commonwealth?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health funds scholarships available to nursing and allied health students and professionals already in the workforce. Other departments may also fund scholarships available to allied health professionals and nursing students. Those that the Commonwealth funds through the health portfolio include:

- Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme – scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate study, continuing professional development activities and clinical placements;
- Diagnostic Imaging - Enhancing the Rural and Remote Workforce Scheme – scholarships for postgraduate studies and those undertaking Supervised Practice Program in rural and remote environments; and
- Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme – scholarships for students with a rural background during their pharmacy studies.

Scholarships available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students only

- Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme – scholarships for study in health at universities or TAFEs (includes allied health and nursing students);
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarships Scheme – for students undertaking both undergraduate and postgraduate studies leading to a registrable qualification in pharmacy; and
- Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarship – scholarships for students studying allied health and nursing studies, as well as medicine. This is a collaboration between Australian Rotary Health, Rotary clubs, some state and territory governments and the Australian Government.