

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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

**Ref No:** SQ14-000294

**OUTCOME:** 12 - Health Workforce Capacity

**Topic:** Voluntary Dental Graduate Year Program

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

**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

- a) Can the Department confirm that the funding for this program has been reduced by \$40 million over the forward estimates?
- b) How many placements will be supported by this program in 2014?
- c) At how many locations?
- d) Where are those locations?

**Answer:**

- a) The Voluntary Dental Graduate Year Programme (VDGYP) commenced with 50 graduate placements in 2013. The 2012-13 Budget included funding to expand the VDGYP to 75 places in 2015 and 100 places in 2016. The Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook released on 17 December 2013 reversed the decision to expand the VDGYP from 2015, saving \$40.7 million over four years.
- b) 50 placements will be supported in 2014.
- c) 44 locations (this includes some placements that will operate across multiple locations).
- d) The locations are:

<b>State</b>	<b>Location</b>
ACT	Canberra
NSW	Kingswood, Taren Point, Surry Hills, Airs, Westmead, Albury, Wagga Wagga, Mudgee, Orange, Broken Hill, Across NSW through the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health
NT	Casuarina, Alice Springs
QLD	Southport, Fortitude Valley, Yeronga, Maroochydore, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Mackay, Pinalba, Mt Isa, Bowen Hills, Barcaldine
SA	Adelaide, Peterborough, Kingscote
TAS	Devonport
VIC	Newcomb, Carlton, St Albans, Berwick, Clayton, Eltham, Frankston, Epping, Wodonga, Bendigo, Morwell, Shepparton, Warrnambool, Nhill
WA	Nedlands