

**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:** Voluntary Dental Graduate Year Program

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

**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

- a) Has the Department been provided any information from the States about the impact of this reduction in funding?
- b) Have any States expressed concerns with the Department about the impact that this decrease in funding will have on the delivery of public dental services?
- c) Has the Department done any analysis into the effects that this reduction in funding will have on states public dental systems and their capacity to attract dentists?

**Answer:**

a) and b)  
No.

- c) No. Any such analysis would be difficult, as the changes in funding related to a planned future expansion. As the programme first commenced in 2013, the evaluation of the impact of the programme at current placement levels has not yet been completed.