

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: TRAINING SPECIALIST DOCTORS INITIATIVES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to the training specialist doctors initiatives \$144.5m over 4 years (2010-11 Budget paper #2, p 246):

- a) how many rural doctors accessed the specialist training program this year?
- b) What specialty training is provided?

Answer:

- a) The Specialist Training Program (STP) does not collect data on the number of rural doctors that access the program. However, of the 636 training sites supported under the STP approximately 48% are in regional, rural or remote locations.
- b) The STP provides funding to support training experiences in settings beyond traditional public teaching hospitals, where trainees can benefit from the skills and experience required to meet the professional standards of their discipline.

The specialist medical colleges participating in the STP are the:

- Australasian College of Dermatologists (ACD);
- Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM);
- College of Intensive Care Medicine (CICM);
- Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA);
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG);
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO);
- Royal College of Pathologists Australia (RCPA);
- Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP);
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP);
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR); and the
- Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS).