

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-310

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: General Practice Education and Training Ltd

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

- a) How does that remuneration structure work and how does it differ from GPs providing supervisions for medical students?
- b) What is the process of accreditation for supervision of registrars?
- c) How much funding is currently provided per registrar for training per year and across the course of their training?

What number of additional supervisors have been recruited to the program in the last 12 months?

- d) Has GPET considered the issue of consulting space available for trainees, in relation to the ability to recruit supervisors?
- e) Looking into the future, what projections have been made about the demand for GP training places over the next 5-10 years?
- f) What projections have been made about the availability of supervisors for GP training places over the next 5 or 10 years?
- g) Are there any concerns about the potential for a reduction in the quality of training resulting from having to bring so many new supervisors into the system to accommodate so many trainees?
- h) What framework do you have for measuring the quality of training in General Practice?
- i) Have you developed a set of clinical indicators to measure the quality of Clinical training?
- j) What role does the National Performance Authority have, or could have, in relation to measuring the quality of clinical training.

Answer:

- a) Supervisor remuneration for GP registrars works by way of payment by Regional training providers of a Practice Subsidy, and a Teaching Allowance. Regional training providers hold discretion over exact amounts to be paid.

General Practice Education and Training (GPET) is not involved with the supervision of medical students.

- b) Refer to response provided to question E12-043
- c) Refer to response provided to questions E12-044 and E12-045.
- d) Yes. The allocation of registrars to training practices is managed by regional training providers. Space requirements within training practices are considered when allocating registrars to training practices.
- Effective utilisation of training space for registrars is managed by way of regular and consistent registrar allocations to training practices wherever possible, to promote the ongoing use of space earmarked for training purposes.
- e) Refer to response provided to question E12-046.
- f) Refer to response provided to question E12-047.
- g) Refer to verbal answer provided at page 33 of the Hansard transcript.
- h) Refer to response provided to question E12-049
- i) Refer to response provided to question E12-049
- j) Refer to response provided to question E12-050.