

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Paediatric Ophthalmologists

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Senator: Senator Smith

Question:

Is the government funding any paediatric ophthalmologist training posts through the Specialist Training Program?

Answer:

Specialist training remains primarily a state government responsibility, as most specialists are trained in the public hospital system. The Commonwealth is assisting to expand training capacity through the Specialist Training Program (STP). The STP currently funds eight training posts for specialist ophthalmologists. Three of these eight posts identify paediatric ophthalmology as component of their training.

Paediatric Ophthalmology was identified as a key priority area in the 2013 STP national selection process. The outcome of this process has added a further specialist Paediatric Ophthalmology post to the STP.