

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013

Question: E13-014

OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Care

Topic: Rural Health Funding

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- a) What policies and procedures has the Minister for Health implemented to ensure that infrastructure grants are accessible to rural and remote practices?
- b) What does the grant application process involve?
- c) What criteria are used to select grant recipients?
- d) Is funding available to practices that are unable to provide an equal commitment?
 - i. If so, how much?
- e) What is it expected that grants will be spent on?
- f) How will the grants assist general practices to provide improved services to rural and remote communities?
- g) Are grants available for specialist services?
 - i. If so, which services?

Answer:

a) to g)

The implementation options for the Rural and Regional Teaching Infrastructure Grants are currently under Government consideration.