

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**Question:** E13-149

**OUTCOME:** 12 – Health Workforce

**Topic:** Regional Medical Schools

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

**Senator:** McLucas

**Question:**

In regards to the analysis that the department undertook into the proposal from Charles Sturt and La Trobe for a regional medical school, in terms of the capacity of the clinical training system to support additional places as proposed - What did the analysis show? Is there any capacity in the clinical training system to support additional places?

**Answer:**

Planning for future demand for clinical training and the capacity to deliver this is being oversighted by Australian Health Ministers, as states and territories are the main providers of clinical training with the Commonwealth also contributing. For example, Health Ministers have commissioned Health Workforce Australia to prepare National Medical Training plans to ensure effort is coordinated. Work is also being undertaken on whether the training pipeline can be streamlined, thus maximising utilisation of the clinical training system into the future.