

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-170

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: AUSTRALIAN STANDARD GEOGRAPHICAL CLASSIFICATION –
REMOTNESS AREAS (ASGC-RA) SYSTEM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

How many doctors have moved to ASGC-RA 2, 3 and 4 localities since the introduction of the ASGC-RA and its application to the General Practice Rural Incentives Program?

Answer:

Since the introduction of the General Practice Rural Incentives Program 52 medical practitioners have been approved to relocate under a Rural Relocation Incentive Grant (RRIG) to a location which is more remote than where they were previously practising. The table below illustrates the break up of these relocations by ASGC-RA.

Table 1: Relocations under RRIG from 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2011

To	RA 2	RA 3	RA 4	RA 5
From				
RA 1	22	8	6	4
RA 2		3	2	1
RA 3			0	5
RA 4				1