

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-173

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: ASGC-RA CLASSIFICATION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

How much money was paid to Doctors under the General Practice Rural Incentives Program in 2011 broken down by ASGC-RA classification and RRMA groups for each of the categories Relocation and Retention Grants?

Answer:

The table below shows the amount of incentives paid according to ASGC-RA classification during 2010-11.

| ASGC-RA | Amount paid |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 2 | \$14,194,443 |
| 3 | \$26,891,583 |
| 4 | \$10,142,776 |
| 5 | \$13,953,062 |
| Total | \$65,181,864 |

Table 1: GPRIP retention payments for 2010-11

Please note:

- This table does not include grandparented GP Registrars as they are assessed under the geographical classification system (General Practice Accessibility Remoteness Index for Australia) used for General Practice Rural Incentives Program's predecessor GP Registrar program.
- No incentives were paid to medical practitioners under the relocation grants in 2010-11 as medical practitioners must complete four active quarters (i.e. twelve months) of activity in order to qualify for their first payment.
- The Department of Health and Ageing can only respond to this request with ASGC-RA related data.