

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Specialist Training Program

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

When will the next round of funding for the Specialist Training Program be announced and is the Government committed to:

- a) Maintaining funding at or above current levels?
- b) Providing better certainty around rural training posts with the provision of longer-term funding (ie 3-5 years)?

Answer:

The next round of funding for the Specialist Training Program (STP) is currently under consideration by Government.

Over \$537 million has been allocated for specialist training programs over the period 2018-2020, which includes the Government's new investment in the Integrated Rural Training Pipeline measure. This represents an overall expansion of funding support compared to the preceding period.