

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-304

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: GP TRAINING PLACES

Written Questions on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Were the 450 GP training places provided in 2011 exclusively for rural areas fully subscribed? If not, what strategies will be adopted to meet the long term rural GP workforce targets?

Answer:

The Government requires that 50 per cent of registrar training undertaken as part of the Australian General Practice Training program occur in rural areas (defined as Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area (ASGC-RA) 2-5). This requirement is measured against the total population of registrars in training; it does not apply for each new cohort of registrars commencing training.

In 2010, 55 per cent of all registrar training occurred in ASGC RA2-5 locations. Data for 2011 will be available in April 2012.