

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-305

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: GENERAL PRACTICE TRAINING PROGRAM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

What will the \$30.8 million under the NHHN – Workforce – more places on the General Practice Training Program contained in the 2010-11 Budget for the 2011-12 financial year actually fund? (refer 2010-11 Budget Paper #2 p241)

Answer:

As shown in the Budget papers the \$30.8 million is distributed to four organisations.

The \$11.1 million allocated to General Practice Education and Training Limited will fund the increase in Registrars training in the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program. An additional 100 training places have been included in the AGPT program for the 2011 training year (calendar year) and a further 100 in the 2012 training year.

The \$19.2 million allocated to the Department of Health and Ageing is to cover the increase in medicare payments and pharmaceutical benefits that are incurred by the increase in Registrars involved in the AGPT program.

The additional \$0.2 million allocated to both Medicare Australia and the Department of Veterans' Affairs is to provide funds for the additional system processing costs incurred with the additional payments generated by the Registrars.