

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Topic:** General Practice Education and Training Ltd

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

Can you give us projections in relation to demand for GP training places over the next 5 to 10 years?

**Answer:**

Demand for GP training places is expected to reflect the number of medical school graduates entering the medical workforce. Australian medical school graduate numbers are expected to peak in 2015 at approximately 3500 graduates\*. Applications for GP training places can be expected peak in 2016-17 as medical graduates must complete an Intern year before entering GP training.

Demand for GP training places will also continue to be influenced by fluctuations in the number of international medical graduates in Australia and the availability of vocational training places in the other medical specialties.

*\* Source: Medical Training Review Panel Fifteenth Report, February 2012,  
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/work-pubs-mtrp-15> [accessed 27 June 2012]*