

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013

Question: E13-230

OUTCOME: 12 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme and the Bonded Medical Places Scheme

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Senator: Di Natale

Question:

- a) How many people who completed fellowships are fulfilling their obligations?
- b) How many are not?
- c) How many people who did not reach fellowship have withdrawn?

Answer:

- a) As at 25 June 2013:
 - 55 Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship (MRBS) scheme participants have completed their fellowship and are fulfilling their obligations; and
 - Five Bonded Medical Places (BMP) participants have completed their fellowship and are fulfilling their obligations. Note that approximately another 200 participants are fulfilling their obligations while training to complete their fellowship.
- b) As at 25 June 2013:
 - No MRBS participants who have completed their fellowship are **not** fulfilling their obligation; and
 - None of the BMP participants who have completed their fellowship are **not** fulfilling their obligation.
- c) As at 25 June 2013:
 - 68 MRBS participants have withdrawn from the scheme; and
 - 206 BMP participants have withdrawn from the scheme, either during their medical course or after completing their studies.