

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 8 – Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Voluntary Dental Graduate Year Program

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Questions:

1. What is the breakup of the 2013 and 2014 round in the regional-rural-urban split and the state split?
2. What types of practices have expressed interest in hosting dental graduates through the VDGYP? Private practices or hospitals?
3. How is the program marketed by the administrator?
4. Does the VDGYP placement at Mt Isa Dental Clinic link with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Service in Mt Isa? If so how?

Answer:

1. Voluntary Dental Graduate Year Program placements are as follows:

2013 VDGYP Placements

State	Metro (RA1)	Regional (RA2, RA3)	Remote (RA4,RA5)	Across RA	State Totals
Australian Capital Territory					0
New South Wales	12	2			14
Victoria	8	7			15
Queensland	3	4	3		10
South Australia	1				1
Western Australia	6*				6
Tasmania	2				2
Northern Territory		2			2
Total	32	15	3	0	50

2014 VDGYP Placements

State	Metro (RA1)	Regional (RA2, RA3)	Remote (RA4, RA5)	Across RA	State Totals
Australian Capital Territory	1				1
New South Wales	8	5		1	14
Northern Territory		1	1		2
Queensland	5	3	3		11
South Australia	2	0.5	0.5		3
Tasmania		2			2
Victoria	6	6			12
Western Australia	5*				5
Totals	27	17.5	4.5	1	50

* WA graduates are based in metropolitan areas but spend extensive parts of their placement in RA3 and RA4/RA5 areas.

- Most interest in hosting dental graduates through the VDGYP has come from public oral health clinics. The table below outlines the Service Providers who have expressed interest in hosting a VDGYP placement in 2013 and 2014 by type (based on self-classification). Associations are not-for profit groups or consortia.

Year	Government	Association	Private	Total
2013	27	3	1	31
2014	35	5	1	41

- Promotion of the VDGYP by the administrator includes:
 - VDGYP website;
 - flyers provided to university Deans, program coordinators and industry liaison officers for distribution to dental students;
 - registration on dental school career hubs;
 - presentation or attendance at university career sessions and dental conventions; and
 - six monthly newsletters.
- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Clinic in Mount Isa (Gidgee Healing) currently delivers medical, rather than dental, services for its community and refers patients to the Mount Isa Hospital Oral Service in which the VDGYP graduate is placed.