

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Rural Clinical Schools

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Senator: Brown, Carol

Questions:

In regards to the current proposals from several existing rural clinical schools, where are the proposed expansions located?

Answer:

The proposed expansions of rural clinical schools relate to Port Macquarie, Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Albury, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo and Orange.

A further submission from Deakin University, Monash University and the University of Melbourne proposes the establishment of a Victorian Regional Medical Training Network, which would relate to coordination of undergraduate, pre-vocational and/or vocational training programs in regional Victoria. The network would be based around the existing rural clinical school facilities at Geelong, Bendigo, Traralgon and Shepparton, with outreach to smaller rural sites using a hub and spoke model.

A complementary proposal for a NSW Regional Medical Training Network, received from the University of Sydney, the University of Newcastle and the University of New South Wales, would be based around the existing rural clinical school facilities in Dubbo, Orange, Lismore, Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Albury, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Armidale and Tamworth.