

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 8 – Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships and Support Scheme (NAHSSS)

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Senator: Brown, Carol

Questions:

- a) Under NAHSSS, what is the split, state by state, of the scholarships awarded for clinical placements?
- b) Did you have evidence to suggest that an additional 500 was enough to meet the demand in rural and remote communities?
- c) What criteria will be used for the additional scholarships?

Answer:

- a) See Attachment A for a breakdown of 2013 clinical placements.
- b) It is known that students and health professionals living in rural and remote communities face significant barriers to accessing study and training. The additional scholarships will assist in meeting demand, which varies from year to year.
- c) The application process for the various scholarships differs, however each stream will prioritise rural and remote applicants and those working in areas including mental health, aged care, primary care and Indigenous health services.

2013 Clinical Placements

Nursing Component: includes clinical placements in Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), Emergency Departments (ED) and Tasmania. This component is administered by the Australian College of Nursing.

Aboriginal Medical Service	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	VIC	WA	Total
Undertaken	18	19	27	3	2	43	112
Declined or Withdrawn	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
AMS CP Total	18	21	28	3	2	43	115

Emergency Department	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Undertaken	5	22	1	15	13	1	21	15	93
Declined or Withdrawn	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	2	10
ED CP Total	6	23	1	17	13	1	25	17	103

Tasmanian component	Total
Undertaken	66
Withdrawn	1
Tasmanian CP Total	67

Allied Health Component: includes general rural clinical placements and clinical placements in Tasmania. This component is administered by Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH).

General	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Undertaken	0	56	1	61	11	2	73	96	300

Tasmanian component	Total
Undertaken	5
Tasmanian CP Total	5