

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 - 2 June 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

**Topic:** Scholarships

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Brown, Carol

**Question:**

What was the expected expenditure on the Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship each year for the next four financial years prior to the announcement of the Budget Measure?  
If four years is not available please provide as many years as had been modelled.  
What percentage of students who held these scholarships were from rural or regional backgrounds?

**Answer:**

Forward estimates for the Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme are not reported separately. Expenditure for new and existing participants for the Scheme in 2014-2015 was \$11.462 million.

Of the scholars currently on the programme database, 51.7 per cent are considered to be from a regional or rural background.