

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Health Workforce Scholarships Program

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

What is the status of the design of the Health Workforce Scholarships Program, when will the design be complete and will the program be operational in 2017?

Answer:

A Grant Opportunity was released on 31 March 2017 to select a single administrator for the Health Workforce Scholarship Program (HWSP). Applications closed on 3 May 2017.

The Grant Opportunity assessment process has now been finalised and the successful administering organisation will be announced in the coming weeks. The Department of Health is currently working to finalise funding arrangements with the successful administering organisation to ensure the HWSP will be established early in the second half of the 2017 academic year.