

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-441

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: GENERAL PRACTICE RURAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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Senator Adams asked:

Under the Rural Relocation Grant, incentives are available to GPs to encourage them to move from major cities to rural areas or to move from rural to remote areas. Where did they move to?

Answer:

As at 31 October 2011, 48 medical practitioners have been approved for the Rural Relocation Incentive Grant following the commencement of the General Practice Rural Incentives Program (GPRIP) . Incentives amounts are based upon the Australian Standards Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area (ASGC-RA) location that medical practitioners are moving from, and to.

Of the 48 approved practitioners, 22 have moved to ASGC-RA 2, 11 have moved to ASGC-RA 3, eight have moved to ASGC-RA 4 and seven have moved to ASGC-RA 5. Please see table below for further detail.

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FROM	ASGC-RA 2	ASGC-RA 3	ASGC-RA 4	ASGC-RA 5
ASGC-RA 1	22	8	6	3
ASGC-RA 2	-	3	2	1
ASGC-RA 3	-	-	0	2
ASGC-RA 4	-	-	-	1