

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: HECS Reimbursement Scheme

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Question:

HECS Reimbursement scheme 'increases the number of doctors in rural and regional areas' (p.44 DHS Annual Report). How many graduates of the HECS Reimbursement scheme have stayed on as doctors in rural and remote areas?

Answer:

The Department of Human Services does not capture data on whether a doctor stays on in a rural or remote area after they have received HECS reimbursement.