

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Rural and Regional Allied Health

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

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

- a) Are there any HWA rural and regional allied health programs still running?
- b) What are you doing to evaluate the workforce capacity of rural and regional allied health?
- c) Have you looked at utilising the example of multipurpose services in rural and regional areas as framework for system design?

**Answer:**

- a) Yes, the Rural Health Professionals Programme.
- b) Allied health workforce capacity is assessed through data collection, reporting, monitoring and review of activities as part of existing funding arrangements.
- c) A range of options are currently being considered to ensure the effective delivery of health services to rural, regional and remote areas.