

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 8- Health Workforce Capacity

**Topic:** Health Workforce Planning and Pipelines

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

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Does the Department hold regular meetings with the university sector, other departments, and state governments to discuss the accessibility of training places for graduating students?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health meets regularly with the universities, hospital training providers, specialist medical colleges and peak stakeholder representative groups involved in the Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training Programme, the Commonwealth Medical Internships Programme and the Specialist Training Programme. A broad range of issues are discussed, including the development of training pathways for new health graduates.

In addition, the Department holds quarterly meetings with the National Medical Training Advisory Network (NMTAN). NMTAN comprises member organisations with an interest in medical training, including medical colleges, universities, local hospital networks, state and territory health departments, employers, regulation and accreditation agencies, prevocational medical education agencies, trainee doctors, consumers and the Department of Health. NMTAN provides advice on planning and coordination of medical education and training.