

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 21 October 2015

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OUTCOME: 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Health Workforce Scholarships

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Will the \$14.2 million in savings in the 2015-16 financial year arise from a reduction in the funds available for actual health scholarships?

Answer:

The government is streamlining the scholarships programme through a combination of better targeted health scholarships for a smaller number of students and more efficient administration to support them. Scholarship numbers were agreed with administrators. Funding was targeted to scholarships which had the best evidence base for health workforce need.