

# Senate Community Affairs Committee

## ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### HEALTH PORTFOLIO

#### Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 – 2017, 19 October 2016

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Public Hospital Incomes

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

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

What is the average annual salary of doctors in Australian public hospitals? Please provide a national average as well as state and territory averages.

**Answer:**

In 2014–15, the average annual salary for salaried medical officers in Australian public hospitals was \$187,548. The following table shows the average salaries for full-time equivalent salaried medical officers for each state and territory in Australia in 2014–15.

**Table 1: Average salaries for salaried medical officers (full-time equivalent staff) (\$), public hospital services, states and territories, 2014–15**

State/territory	Average salary
New South Wales	162,379
Victoria	196,420
Queensland	200,455
Western Australia	190,468
South Australia	199,513
Tasmania	212,531
Australian Capital Territory	198,091
Northern Territory	246,397
<b>Australia</b>	<b>187,548</b>

*Source: AIHW, Hospital resources 2014–15: Australian hospital statistics*

These figures include the salaries and wages for specialist salaried medical officers (employed by the establishment on a full-time or part-time salaried basis) and other salaried medical officers (non-specialist medical officers employed by the establishment on a full-time or part-time salaried basis). These figures do not include payments to visiting medical officers (engaged on an honorary, sessional or fee for service basis), superannuation employer contributions, or other on-costs (such as employee-related expenses). More information about average salaries for public hospital staff is included in Chapter 5 of the AIHW report Hospital resources 2014–15: Australian hospital statistics, available online at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129556122>