

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: GP Numbers

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Are doctor numbers decreasing in rural areas?

Answer:

No. From 2010-11 to 2014-15 the number of doctors practising in rural locations, Modified Monash Model (MMM) classifications MM 2 to MM 7, has increased each year. For the period 2013-14 to 2014-15 this increase was 4 per cent.

For the same period, the number of doctors specialising in General Practice, delivering patient initiated services in rural locations, MM 2 to MM 7, has also increased annually. This increase was 2 per cent from 2013-14 to 2014-15.