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Senator: Moore, Claire

Question:

Senator MOORE: I just named a couple of organisations because they were on my list, but can we also find out who was going to be part of the consultation process, moving forward, so that you have actually got feedback about what could be done better? I take your point, Doctor; you said at the start that this is just one part of a whole range of things that are going on, but it is certainly a part that people have responded to. What will the process be? Can we find out with whom you are speaking?

Answer:

The Department of Health will review the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Salary Support Program in 2016. This process will include further stakeholder consultation, consideration of available program data and a review of feedback already received during the:

- three year Monitoring and Evaluation activity conducted as part of the 2013-15 Regional Training Provider Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Plan process; and
- consultation following the circulation of the draft 2016 AGPT Salary Support Program policy.

It is anticipated that the consultation process will be completed in time to allow the public release of the 2017 AGPT Salary Support Program Policy on 1 July 2016 and for changes in policy to be implemented from January 2017.

The next stage of the consultation will involve National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, General Practice Training Advisory Committee, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Working Group, Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, General Practice Registrars Australia, General Practice Supervisors Australia, Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association, Jurisdictional Peak Body Organisations and Regional Training Organisations.