

Our son completed his gap year in 2008 and earned the required amount for Youth Allowance. He started his studies the following year and is now well on his way to becoming a high school science teacher - a vocation which is much in demand in the Education sector. This is thanks to the Youth Allowance, rent assistance and a Commonwealth Scholarship.

Our daughter wants to study medicine. With the chronic shortage of doctors in the South West, one would believe that the government would do anything in their power to help young students like her to succeed.

In order for her study medicine, she needs to relocate to Perth. Not only is this going to be very unaffordable to us, her degree will take at least 7 years. She does not qualify for Youth Allowance, rent assistance and there are no longer Commonwealth Scholarships available. The government is encouraging foreign doctors to relocate into rural areas within Australia (we are greatly in debt to these professional people). Surely the government should be helping the children that have gone through our education systems and are Australian Residents achieve their dreams.

I can't help wondering what it costs the government to sponsor foreign doctors into the country and pay for relocation cost etc for them?

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