



Answer to question:

## PARLIAMENTARY JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION

### MIGRATION, PATHWAY TO NATION BUILDING INQUIRY

#### QUESTION:

1. **CHAIR:** Do you know how many doctors New Zealand may be receiving? Clearly they would be facing similar issues and have probably faced them in the past. How are they doing with a more streamlined and efficient approach compared to us?

**ANSWER:** From our research, NZ is recruiting 7.5x more IMG GP's per capita than Australia is post COVID.

2. **CHAIR:** What are the source countries of our international medical graduates? I'm coming across a large number of doctors from Pakistan. The deputy chair certainly has a community of doctors from Egypt that have moved in to her regional area. There are quite a large number of doctors that I've come across who are from Iran. Pakistan might be a bit different because it's close to our neighbourhood, but we tend to stick to our own tribe, so to speak, but we're now looking at source countries that are outside that, which is terrific. What potential have we got to explore those source countries for medical doctors, who, by the way, are quite good?

**Dr Foley:** Certainly, in terms of general practice, we've currently recognised a relatively small part of the global population of our GPs as equivalently credentialed to working general practice.

**CHAIR:** A small part? How small is that part, Mr Foley?

**Dr Foley:** What's the figure, Jeremy? Is it six per cent or is it lower?

**Mr Stones:** Again, from memory, and **we can provide this as a follow-up—**

**CHAIR:** Sure, I'd like that.

**Mr Stones:** Subject to our written confirmation of the actual number, it's about 2½ per cent of the global medical community.

**Dr Foley:** I think it's a little bit higher than that. I think it's six per cent. But by comparison—

**CHAIR:** It's still a lot.

**Dr Foley:** New Zealand and Canada would recognise about 26 per cent of the global—

**CHAIR:** Oh, so we do six and they do 20? Can we have those figures?

**Dr Foley: Yes. We can confirm the exact figures for you.**

**ANSWER:** The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners recognises 4% of the global GP population as equivalently qualified, the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners recognises 5% of the global GP population as equivalently credentialed but the Medical Council of NZ recognises 17% of the global GP population as provisionally qualified. The RACGP considers GPs from the following countries as comparably qualified, depending on assessment: New Zealand, UK, Ireland, Canada, Hong Kong, Malta, Spain, Sweden, Malaysia (if candidate has gained Membership of Royal College of General Practitioners UK).