

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: HEALTH WORKFORCE

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

- a) There are large numbers of medical students who are unable to get internships due to a shortage of clinical training places. What steps is the government taking to resolve the impasse with state and territory governments about who will pay for the increased training?
- b) Would you please advise on a state by state basis, the number of medical students who have been unable to find clinical training places?

Answer:

- a) The Australian Government secured agreements with five jurisdictions (New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, the Northern Territory, and the Australian Capital Territory) to create additional intern training positions for 2013. All eligible Australian-trained medical graduates have been offered an internship position for 2013.
- b) All eligible Australian-trained medical graduates have been offered an internship position for 2013.