

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 6: Rural Health

Topic: RURAL GP LOCATIONS

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Senator: Senator McKenzie

Question:

- a) Why is the target for the number of rural locations visited by female GPs set to remain the same into 2015-2016 (ref p161 PBS)?
- b) What are the latest statistics on the number of rural locations visited by female GPs? Please provide further detail for regional Victoria.

Answer:

- a) A static target into 2015-2016 indicates that no increase in the number of locations requiring female GP services is anticipated due to the increasing number of local female GPs providing services in rural and remote locations.
- b) As of the 31 August 2012, 150 locations nationally were receiving female GP services under the Rural Women's GP Service. Eight locations in regional Victoria were receiving female GP services including:
 - Charlton
 - Corryong
 - Goroke
 - Hopetoun
 - Robinvale
 - Tallangatta
 - Walwa
 - Warracknabeal.