

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: DENTAL RELOCATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT SCHEME

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

How many dentists have expressed interest in working for free in rural and remote areas?

Answer:

The Dental Relocation and Infrastructure Support Scheme is intended to assist dentists wishing to relocate to rural and remote areas. It is intended to support dentists working in ordinary public or private practice, rather than working for free. The Commonwealth has not and will not be seeking expressions of interest from dentists wishing to work for free, and to date no dentists have volunteered their services on this basis.