

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 17 & 19 October 2012**

**Question: E12-300**

**OUTCOME 6:** Rural Health

**Topic:** ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL AND REGIONAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA (RRHA)

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

How many programs does RRHA actually deliver - can you list all of them? Can you give me a breakdown of how much money is assigned to each program over the forward estimates?

**Answer:**

Rural and Regional Health Australia (RRHA) delivers seven programs:

- The Royal Flying Doctor Service;
- The National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program (NRRHIP);
- Rural Health Outreach Fund (RHOF)s;
- Indigenous Chronic Disease (ICD) Flexible Fund;
- The Visiting Optometrists Scheme (VOS);
- The Rural GP Locum Program; and
- The Rural Primary Health Services Program.

A breakdown of the funding of these programs over the forward estimates is attached (Attachment A).

## Attachment A

Program Title	2011-12 (Actual)	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Royal Flying Doctor Service	\$53,825,000	\$55,115,000	\$56,438,000	\$57,680,000	\$58,949,000
National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program	\$19,529,796 <sup>1</sup>	\$993,000	\$10,376,000	\$10,573,000	\$10,774,000
Rural Health Outreach Fund includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program (MSOAP);</li> <li>• MSOAP Maternity Services;</li> <li>• National Rural and Remote Health Kimberley Paediatric Outreach Program;</li> <li>• Rural Women's GP Services; and</li> <li>• Ophthalmology Services.</li> </ul>	\$26,994,535	\$31,122,000	\$31,820,000	\$32,425,000	\$33,042,000
Indigenous Chronic Disease (ICD) Flexible Fund includes Closing The Gap (CTG): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving Access to Mainstream Primary Care Program;</li> <li>• Care Coordination and Supplementary Services;</li> <li>• MSOAP ICD Indigenous Chronic Disease<sup>2</sup>; and</li> <li>• Urban Specialist Outreach Assistance Program<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>	\$17,804,824	\$19,713,000	\$21,082,000	\$21,486,000	\$21,972,000
	\$26,579,722	\$35,957,000	\$47,894,000	\$48,907,000	\$50,013,000
	\$19,549,000	\$21,860,000	\$26,322,000	\$26,829,000	\$27,436,000
	\$709,524	\$3,615,000	\$3,678,000	\$3,749,000	\$3,834,000
Visiting Optometrists Scheme	\$3,126,521	\$5,540,368	\$5,816,035	\$6,271,475	\$6,612,542
Rural GP Locum Program <sup>4</sup>	\$1,701,974	\$900,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rural Primary Health Services Program <sup>5</sup>	\$78,829,000	\$79,925,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$248,649,896</b>	<b>\$254,740,368</b>	<b>\$203,426,035</b>	<b>\$207,920,475</b>	<b>\$212,632,542</b>

<sup>1</sup> The 2011-12 NRRHIP figure includes the additional \$9.2m bought forward from 2012-13.

<sup>2&3</sup> The MSOAP ICD Indigenous Chronic Disease and Urban Specialist Outreach Assistance Program will merge from 1 July 2013.

<sup>4&5</sup> The Rural GP Locum Program and Rural Primary Health Services Program will consolidate into the Regionally Tailored Primary Health Care Initiatives through Medicare Locals Fund from 1 July 2013.