

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

Regarding the proposal to redirect \$10 million for 100 internships, what costs does this cover for each internship and what would be the impact on the number of training places available under the prevocational general practice training program of a redirection of \$10 million?

**Answer:**

The proposed Australian Government funding is a significant contribution towards the cost of an intern's salary and on-costs, and recruitment, administration and supervision costs associated with the placement. These costs are likely to vary from hospital to hospital.

General Practice Education and Training is currently considering how the redirection of \$10 million from the Prevocational General Practice Placement Program can be best managed, to ensure that the program objectives continue to be met, while realising efficiencies.