

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: GP Numbers

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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Does the 2015 medical workforce data show a decline from 2014 in the number of full-time equivalent general practitioners in Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote areas?

Answer:

No. Medicare billing data shows an increase from 2013-14 to 2014-15 across all Modified Monash Model categories in the measure of Full-time Service Equivalent (FSE) for General Practitioners billing patient-initiated services, including in Outer Regional (MM 2-4), Remote (MM 6) and Very Remote (MM 7) areas. See table below.

Increase in Full-time Service Equivalent (FSE) measure by MMM classification

MMM Category	Pct. Increase
MM 1	6%
MM 2	9%
MM 3	8%
MM 4	8%
MM 5	6%
MM 6	9%
MM 7	5%