

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000501

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing on 23 February 2016,

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000654

Clinical training places (SQ15-000654)

Question

On the question of clinical training places, answer SQ15-000654 says that “a range of hospitals in Perth’s eastern and southern suburbs” will provide clinical training. How many hospitals are within the range? Which hospitals are they? Would all of these hospitals be able to provide the full breadth of clinical training? Would they, for example, provide the full breadth of obstetrics and gynaecological training? Does the relationship of these hospitals to the St John of God Health Care organisation potentially limit the care available to women at those hospitals? If so, what arrangements are envisioned to ensure that students do not miss out on training in these areas?

Answer

Curtin University has not advised the department which hospitals and health care providers will provide clinical training for its medical students.

Before students will be permitted to enrol, the Curtin University medical programme will need to be accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC) and approved by the Medical Board of Australia as an approved qualification to ensure the course meets the required standards for students to register as a medical practitioner. These accreditation standards include requirements for medical students to undertake supervised clinical training with patients in a range of models of care across metropolitan and rural health settings.

It is a matter for Curtin University to negotiate arrangements with hospitals and health care providers to ensure sufficient high quality and diverse clinical placements are available for medical students throughout their training, and demonstrate to the AMC that accreditation requirements are met.