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Senator Wong asked on 15 February 2006, EWRE Hansard page 96

Question:

I was just wondering why it is that when the extra places were available, given the priority that has been accorded to medical places, that was not considered.

Answer:

Reallocation of Commonwealth Supported Places

Universities in Queensland were invited to submit bids for the reallocation of places and were advised that priority would be given to addressing areas of workforce shortage and unmet demand particularly in outer-metropolitan and regional areas. No university asked for places in medicine.

The Queensland Minister for Education was also asked for his views on priorities and he did not identify medicine.