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NRHA response to question on notice from the Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional Health at its recent hearing 3 June 2024

Dear Committee Secretary,

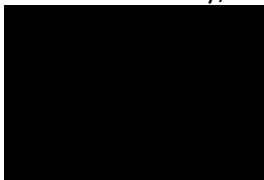
At the hearing held in Sydney on 3 June 2024, The National Rural Health Alliance (the Alliance) accepted a question on notice from Ms Trish Doyle:

Recommendation 29 of the previous committee's report was that NSW Health and NSW Ambulance ensure that paramedics are distributed equally across New South Wales, as well as a review of the current call triaging system and referral services. I'm wondering what you might have noticed in terms of any improvements in that area since 2022, where particularly telehealth is being relied upon but it should be paramedics and patient transport services more appropriately. Have you noticed any improvements in that recommendation in the last couple of years? ... More particularly where paramedics should actually be working with NSW Health in regional, rural and remote communities and be distributed across the State.

We have consulted our relevant members to determine whether we could provide a response to this question on notice. We have not been able to verify concrete data or information that we would be confident in providing as a fully informed and accurate response to this question. We trust the Committee will obtain this information more directly from other sources to assist your enquiries.

The Alliance is grateful to the NSW Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Remote, Rural and Regional Health for all the work you are doing to ensure the recommendations from the Inquiry into Health Outcomes and Access to Health and Hospital Services in Rural, Regional and Remote New South Wales are implemented and lead to improvements in health access and outcomes for the rural people of NSW.

Yours sincerely,



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