



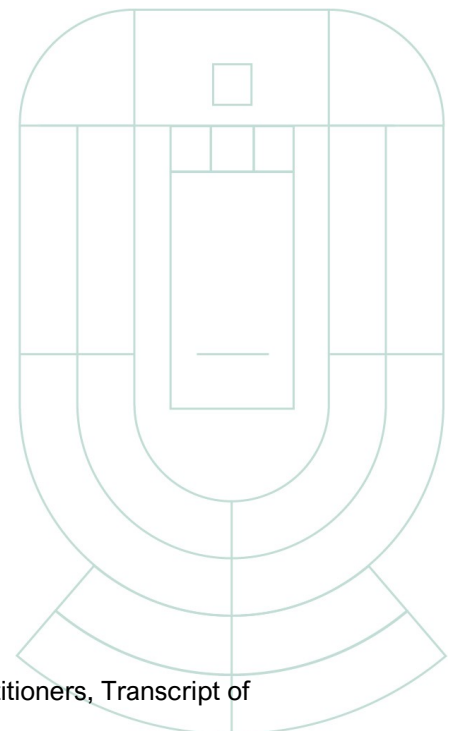
Supplementary questions for witnesses – Thursday 12 December 2024

The implementation of PC2 recommendations relating to cross-jurisdictional health reform and government consultation with remote, rural and regional communities

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Rural

1. Can you elaborate on your comment that there is a fair amount of resistance within LHDs to appoint doctors to positions¹? Why is this so?

The RACGP Rural Faculty cannot comment on the rationale behind these decisions nor the workforce employment patterns of the LHDs. We can only comment on feedback provided by our members. The examples given by Dr Kamerman within the transcript allude to the hospitals being willing to oversee and engage in the training of rural generalists but they do not employ these rural generalists once qualified. He has provided examples of this within the transcript. RACGP Rural is unable to comment as to whether this reluctance is due to workforce planning issues, budgetary constraints or general resistance to change. We can, however, recommend better collaboration and planning with a broader range of stakeholders as well as earlier stakeholder engagement in order to better utilise our highly qualified rural generalist workforce within the LHDs.



¹ Dr Ian Kamerman, Representative, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Transcript of evidence, 12 December 2024, p 23