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FAMILIES TO BENEFIT FROM MORE EMERGENCY DOCTORS AND NURSES

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston today welcomed the Gillard Labor Government's commitment to train more emergency doctors and nurses and reduce waiting times.

Ms Rishworth said "Families in the South want better hospitals, to provide the best possible care for themselves and their children.

"Local families are also concerned about the impact of Tony Abbott's plans to cut health services, including cutting GP Super Clinics and cutting the after-hours GP helpline."

Ms Rishworth said that in contrast, Federal Labor today announced \$96 million to deliver more and better qualified frontline staff for Emergency Departments.

Ms Rishworth said "This will help ensure that Australians visiting emergency departments will be seen and treated within four hours – a tough new national standard under the Government's historic health and hospitals reform."

Ms Rishworth said that the investment will:

- Support training for up to 270 more specialist doctors trained in emergency medicine over the next decade
- Support up to 2,000 more emergency nurses and nurse practitioners over the next decade
- Support 1,000 student nurses over the next decade to gain experience in Emergency Departments

Ms Rishworth said "The Gillard Labor Government will deliver better hospitals that provide the best possible treatment with shorter waiting times.