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Amanda Rishworth MP
Federal Member for Kingston

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\$1, 121, 800 in Funding to Help Five Local Medical Practices Upgrade Infrastructure

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston welcomed the announcement today that five local medical practices in Southern Adelaide will benefit from \$1, 121, 800 in funding provided through the Australian Government's *Primary Care Infrastructure Grant* scheme.

Ms Rishworth said "I am delighted that five local medical practices will receive grants of up to \$300, 000 to their upgrade facilities and equipment.

"Patients can expect to see big changes at local GP clinics, thanks to the grants announced by the Gillard Government today.

"These grants will help local doctors to expand the services they offer to our community so that more families and residents in the South have better access to quality primary health care."

Ms Rishworth said that delivering this funding is just one of the ways in which the Gillard Government is delivering on their health reform agenda.

The announcement of these grants follows legislative support to establish the National Preventative Health Agency, achieve over \$1.9 billion in savings to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and the historic move to provide access to the Medicare benefits for eligible nurse practitioners and midwives.

The primary care infrastructure grants are part of the Government's 2010-11 Budget commitment of \$355.2 million over three years to improve primary health care infrastructure. The commitment includes up to \$233 million for additional GP Super Clinics.