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Amanda Rishworth MP
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TRAINING MORE DOCTORS, NURSES AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN THE SOUTH AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston welcomed the announcement that the Gillard Labor Government will fund up to 12866 more clinical training days for local medical, nursing and allied health professional students in the South.

Ms Rishworth said that the new places would provide support for the local health and medical students at Flinders University.

Ms Rishworth said “I’m proud of the work the Gillard Government is doing to train more health professionals in Southern Adelaide so that our local community will have better access to health and medical services for the future.

“These investments will ensure our local health workforce meets the needs of residents today, and the growing demand for health services into the future.”

Flinders University Nursing Student, Ms Kym People said “I’m very excited about this investment in extra clinical training days. Clinical placements are absolutely critical because they help to close the theory-practice gap. This training is the best way for us to get some hands-on experience and translate our studies into safe clinical practice.”

Minister for Health, the Hon Nicola Roxon MP said places had been allocated by Health Workforce Australia (HWA), the new national body established by this Government to address health workforce shortages in a strategic way.

Ms Roxon said \$425 million had been allocated for the new training places over the next three years, of which \$139 million would be delivered in 2011.

The details of training placement providers will be available at www.hwa.gov.au.