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Question:

Senator WATT: And how are you actually going to implement that? How are you going to ensure that it is major cities only and not rural and remote locations?

Mr Hallinan: In order to grant the visa, we will be working with the Department of Home Affairs. We will be using another complementary measure in the Stronger Rural Health Strategy—I think we call it the heads-up tool—to do an assessment of local need across the country and identify areas that have, based on population demand and supply statistics, much greater access than other parts of the country and limit visas into those areas. That will happen through a process combined between the department, rural workforce agencies and the Department of Home Affairs to reduce the number of visas granted to a planning target of around 200 fewer than previous years.

Senator WATT: Would you on notice be able to provide a breakdown of the expected savings by year, Medicare item or group of items and geographic area?

Mr Hallinan: We can take that on notice and see what we can provide.

Answer:

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