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Speaker Dutton, Peter, MP

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Mr DUTTON (Dickson) (8.15 pm)—I wonder if the minister could outline to us the detail in relation to the bringing nurses back program, which was closed in the budget. Minister, how many nurses in total were recruited for hospitals and separately for aged care under this program before its closure?

Could the minister also provide detail to the House in relation to the outcomes of some of the Indigenous workforce measures—both what the projections were and what the outcomes have been?

Could the minister also outline to the House, with reference to the \$355.2 million allocated in the budget to 23 GP superclinics, whether or not those superclinics will be located in areas of workforce shortage? Is she able to outline to the House the detail of the grants as part of that \$355 million measure—that is, the way in which those grants will operate, what the criteria will be for how the money will be paid, what it will be paid for and how that money is separated from the 23 GP superclinics? How is the \$355 million apportioned?

I wonder also whether or not the minister could, as part of her response, provide a guarantee that local clinicians will be involved in the local networks in which they work.