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**Additional Clinical Training Places
'good news' for doctors of tomorrow**

AMA(SA) President Dr Andrew Lavender today welcomed the federal government's commitment to provide an additional \$10 million in funding for South Australia for increased Clinical Training Capacity grants.

'Today's announcement is good news for medical students, the profession and ultimately, the patients of South Australia' said Dr Lavender.

'The AMA(SA) has been highlighting the urgent need for extra resources to train our doctors of tomorrow and provide a skilled workforce which will serve the medical needs of the community into the future.

'The measures announced today are a great start to meeting these medical workforce needs for SA.

'It is particularly good to see the expansion in training in rural and regional areas, as positive undergraduate training experiences in rural areas improve the chances of those students ultimately opting to live and work in country SA. This is something we have not done particularly well in recent years.

'Then, the commencement of undergraduate health professional training for student doctors and nurses in a private setting at St Andrews Hospital is another important step forward.

'As a state and nation, we are going to need to be much smarter in using all the training opportunities and settings we can to make sure we have enough doctors and other health professionals for the future.

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