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RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

November 2004


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OVERVIEW

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- Assessment
- Approval
- National Perspective – progress to date
- RDP Evaluation


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OBJECTIVE

To increase the number and range of people with knowledge and skills in primary health care evaluation and research


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ASSESSMENT

- October 2003, 22 University Departments were invited to apply for RDP
- December 2003, 24 applications were received
- January 2004, Assessment Panel recommended funding of 21 applications

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APPROVAL

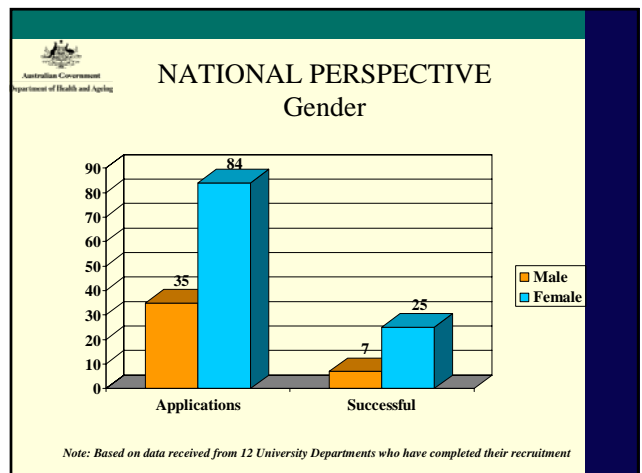
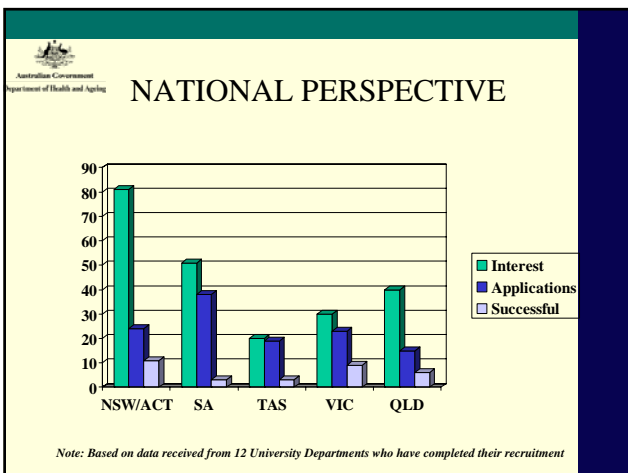
- \$1,472,084 approved
- 54 placements
- Placements awarded ranged from part time 6 weeks to full time 52 weeks

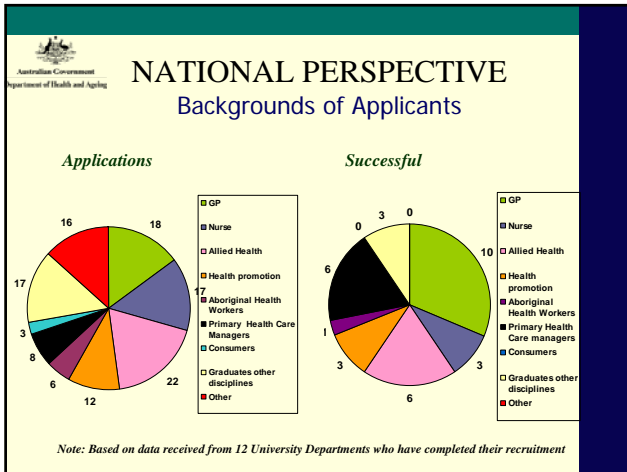
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PROGRESS TO DATE

As at 1 November 2004

- 12 University Departments have completed their recruitment process and have received funding agreements
- 32 placements
- Funding of \$78,843 (GST Inclusive) on average per University Department





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- ## NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE Projects
- Include:
- Bullet-proofing Indigenous health students and staff against racism
 - Evaluate the GPs in schools health programs
 - Community Participation in a Rural Health Service
 - Impact dementia has on rural communities & how health providers, carers and families manage patients in a rural context
 - Study to determine if water is an efficient medium for improving the core stability in people with lower back pain
 - Feasibility study of installing an Indigenous health program for general practice at a regional level

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- ## COMMENTS
- range of applications received
 - in comparison GPs and PHC managers were highly successful
 - PHC consumers were not successful

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- ## RDP Evaluation
- Draft Evaluation Plan developed
 - Draft Questionnaire for placement holders to complete at the initial/completion stages
 - Progress/Final Reports will feed into evaluation
 - Please find in your meeting packs a copy of the evaluation plan and questionnaire's
- your comments are welcome by 30 November*



Australian Competitive Grants Register

Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) has **approved** the Departments application for Category 1 listing



QUESTIONS

