

RDASA Survey of Members January 2009

A total of 55 rural doctors/practice managers responded to the questionnaire

Summary of Responses	Response %
Level of on call payments inadequate	77%
Preference for FFS plus flat rate emergency services	46%
Preference for all inclusive flat daily rate of payment	20%
Callback to hospital in hours extra payment	91%
Payment for PMO duties	92%
Payment of VMOs at audit and quality meetings	88%
Preferred status as VMO	79%
SA health employee preference	9%
Received medical indemnity support payments > 60 days	47%
IT links to hospital and practice adequate	39%
Transparency of on call payments	23%
Access to CHSA policies and guidelines	48%

On call effects	Response %
Significant Sleep disturbance	87%
Family/school disruption	89%
Unsafe working hours	84%
Reduced productivity next day	76%
Loss of private practice income	43%
Negative effect on relationships	80%

Key Issues for RDASA to address with CHSA (combined ranking of Very Important and Important)	Response %
On-call payments	97%
SAMSOF item number review	62%
Improved IT resources in country hospitals	57%
Call backs from clinic during consulting hours	50%
Payment for attendance at hospital meetings	37%
Long service leave	27%