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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FUNDING WELCOMED

Dr. Michael Aizen President of the AMA in Tasmania has welcomed the Government's announcement this morning in Launceston on additional funding for the training of an extra 27 specialist emergency doctors per year around the country for the next 10 years making a total of 270 over that period.

Especially pleasing is the recognition that funding is required not only for the additional doctors in training but also their supervisors.

Of all the emergency departments around the country, 27 new doctors a year is only a small increase, but this is a step in the right direction. With the influx of junior doctors graduating over the next few years this will assist in relieving the pressure on placements as well.

The Prime Minister's announcement does take a 10 year approach to emergency medicine and includes semi acute hospital beds, extra staff and training officers in regional areas.

Presentations at emergency departments have increased significantly over recent years. This initiative is welcomed by the AMA.

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