

2023 LHN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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LHN IT & INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY – ENCOURAGEMENT TO COMPLETE

Welcome to the fourth edition of 2023 *Member Update*.

Our last Update to members 30 August 2023, explained the 'current state of play', and the unique opportunity we achieved to influence submission to Cabinet that will define government's position (not ours!) on the next Rural GP inpatient contract funding parameters.

About the Survey

You will soon receive from RSS an on-line survey titled: *RSS survey – infrastructure and workspace facilities for contract rural GPs*. The survey will be released around 18 September and is to be completed by 29 September.

We need GPs to complete the survey to gather localised GP generated data to ensure targeted, useful, and immediate investment.

We encourage Members and their GP colleagues to complete the RSS survey because it is in response to one our claims about modernising LHN supplied IT and infrastructure supports that reflect GP practical work needs.

After requiring amendments to the original RSS draft Audit and requiring transparency once the data is collected, we have okayed RSS to distribute.

Our next Member Updates will advise on the outcomes of our next contract discussions anticipated early October.

You are encouraged to **remain engaged** as this process evolves so that we can:

- harness the collective strength of rural GPs if we need to press hard for important outcomes;
- AND
- to ensure you, your patients' and your communities' interests are well served by the eventual outcome.

Distributing this *Update* to your non-member colleagues is useful, as is your suggestion that they join RDASA and/or AMA(SA).

Your Member Associations are, once again, doing the work and resourcing the process. Remember, without their leadership you would not have the average 21 percent salary increase cumulative over two years delivered by the current contract.

If you are not a member, please consider joining, by visiting the [RDASA](#) and [AMA\(SA\)](#) websites.

To provide comment or feedback, or for more information, please contact:

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We look forward to providing further information and hearing your voices.

Yours sincerely



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