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AMSA welcomes confirmation of 116 new internships

The Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA) welcomes further detail on the number of internships announced at today's meeting of Health Ministers in Perth.

AMSA President, Mr James Churchill, said that confirmation of 116 new positions, of which 32 are State-funded and 84 are Federally-funded, represents a breakthrough in solving the internship crisis.

"AMSA congratulates Minister Plibersek, alongside Health Ministers from Western Australia, Queensland, the ACT and the Northern Territory for showing leadership by creating and funding these additional 116 positions," said Mr Churchill.

"Today's announcement is a breakthrough, but there is still a way to go to find internships for the remaining 65 Australian-trained graduates who are still waiting for positions.

"Now is the time for the remaining States to come to the table and to follow the lead of those Ministers who have worked constructively to solve this internships crisis.

"All Governments must look to find solutions which place all Australian-trained graduates and are sustainable into the future," he said.

The breakdown of positions, and funder, is as follows:

ACT: 10 Federal, 5 State

WA: 32 Federal, 8 State

NT: 2 Federal, 1 State

QLD: 40 Federal, 18 State

Total: 84 Federal, 32 State

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