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UNE Funding boost Medical School gets an extra \$3.5m Plus \$1.6m reward for success

The Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor was delighted to hear the good news coming out of Canberra today with the announcement of a further \$3.5m in funding for the University of New England Medical School and a further \$1.6m for Learning and Teaching Performance Fund Allocations.

The funding was announced by the Minister for Education Science and Training Julie Bishop under the Capital Development Pool (CDP) Program for 2009/10 and the 2008 Learning and Teaching Performance Fund.

“The extra \$3.5m, over and above an initial \$3m in funding for the University of New England Medical School announced earlier in the year is wonderful news that will help to get the School off the ground in 2008 when the first students are due to start.

It will no doubt give the UNE funding comfort to meet their building schedule and establishment of training facilities.

It’s great news and I thank the Minister, Julie Bishop for her recognition of the need for this School to boost doctor numbers in country Australia,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said that the Minister’s other announcement of \$1.6m was also recognition of the UNE’s excellent programs and delivery of courses.

“The UNE has been rewarded for demonstrating their excellence in teaching.

The University has received \$1m as a general university grant, \$520,605 for Science, computing, engineering, architecture and agriculture and \$87, 352 for their health programs.

I congratulate the UNE and their staff on this recognition by the Minister and look forward to the continuation of the high standards they set for themselves.

Well done,” Mr Windsor said.

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