



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Amanda Rishworth MP Federal Member for Kingston**

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#### **\$82, 101.80 TO TRAIN MORE AGED CARE WORKERS IN SOUTHERN ADELAIDE**

Amanda Rishworth MP, Member for Kingston recently announced that the Rudd Government is investing more than \$82, 101.80 to train aged care workers in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide.

The funding is part of the Rudd Government's \$19.2 million investment to upskill more than 4,000 aged care workers nationally.

Ms Rishworth said: "The Rudd Government is investing in training the aged care workforce because a more highly skilled workforce will help to deliver even better care to older Australians.

"This investment is part of our ongoing commitment to improving the skills of our aged care workforce and part of our efforts to help aged care service providers recruit, train and retain valuable staff."

This investment builds on the \$135 million the Government has already provided to train more than 21,600 aged care workers and its 2010-11 Budget commitment of more than \$310 million over the next four years for more than 31,000 aged care training places and scholarships.

"We believe in better planning for our aged care workforce and the Government is investing to improve quality of care, build the aged care workforce of the future and provide financial incentives for aged care workers and nurses to undertake further study.

"I am delighted that aged care workers in Southern Adelaide will benefit from an additional 22 training places through the Better Skills for Better Care (BSBC) program and the Community Aged Care Workforce Development (CACW) program.

"Our community like the rest of Australia is facing the challenges of an ageing population.

"With an ageing population and workforce shortages it is important that we continue to invest in our aged care workforce," Ms Rishworth said.