

Letters

To the Editors:

Future employment of allopathic medical graduates

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I refer to the leading article with the above caption in the *Ceylon Medical Journal* 2000; **45**: 6-8. In that article Dr Bujawansa says that "In the private sector we have about 6000 medical graduates in active practice" This seems to be typographical error. It should read 600.

He says that only 1.6% of the GNP has been spent on health in 1997. This figure was for the **government** expenditure on health (1). The estimate of private expenditure on health is about the same as expenditure by the government sector (2). Therefore the total **national** expenditure on health

in 1997 was about 3.4% of the GNP.

The Private Medical Institutions Act has not been presented in Parliament yet.

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