

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Inquiry into the Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Hospitals Network) Bill
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Topic: NATIONAL HEALTHCARE AGREEMENT

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Senator Cormann asked:

What was the anticipated growth rate under the current national health care agreement?

Answer:

Treasury released updated Budget figures through the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2010-11 in November 2010. The latest indexation for the National Healthcare Specific Purpose Payment, which is in support of the National Healthcare Agreement, now fluctuates between 7.3% and 7.0% from 2010-11 to 2013-14. This is based on the growth formula in the agreement.

At the time of the COAG meeting in November 2008, the growth rate was estimated to average out at 7.3% over the five year period (2008-09 to 2012-13).