

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and Diabetes Care Program Pilot

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

- a) What is the AIHW's involvement or role in the Diabetes Care Program pilot? What specific activities is the AIHW conducting in relation to the Diabetes Care Program pilot?
- b) Is there any data on the Diabetes care Program Pilot available now- qualitative and quantitative?
- c) How many patients are accessing the program? What improvements in the patient cohort have been seen?

Answer:

- a) In 2011 McKinsey and Company was selected to manage the Australian Government's 3-year Coordinated Care for Diabetes (Diabetes Care Program) pilot. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has been contracted by McKinsey and Company to undertake data linkage and data management for the pilot.

The pilot involves combining pilot participants data collected from hospitals, Medical Benefits Scheme, Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the National Diabetes Services Scheme and general practitioners. Participants have been fully informed about, and have consented to, the use of these data, and the project has been approved by both the Department of Health and AIHW ethics committees.

The data linkage for the pilot is being conducted by both the AIHW and state health departments in Queensland, Victoria and South Australia. The AIHW Data Linkage Unit is managing all of the linked data and feeding back hospital events to GPs through an Information Technology tool in order to improve information for diagnosis. The AIHW will also be providing a final linked de-identified dataset to the Diabetes Care Program pilot evaluation team for their program evaluation and analysis.

The AIHW is expecting to complete its primary role in the project with the creation of the final de-identified linked dataset by the end of the 2013-14 financial year.

- b) Data has been collected throughout the project, however the AIHW is not undertaking the analysis of the data so does not have the information to answer this question.
- c) The AIHW is not undertaking the analysis of the data so does not have the information to answer this question.