

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11- 097

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: PROPORTION OF FUNDING UNDER NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP
AGREEMENT ON IMPROVING PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICES

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Senator Adams asked:

- a) What proportion of the funding under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services for subacute hospital beds, elective surgery and emergency departments has gone to regional, rural and remote areas?
- b) Are figures on spending on public hospitals available by the ASGC-RA remoteness areas and, if so, what do they show about the relative stresses on emergency departments in regional hospitals as distinct from those in the major cities?

Answer:

- a) Under the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Improving Public Hospital Services, funding has been provided to states and territories on acceptance of their Implementation Plans. Whilst a small number of projects are of a state-wide nature, most approved projects can be disaggregated on an ASGC-RA remoteness basis. Approximately 32 per cent of the total funding applied under the NPA has been provided to areas with classifications of ASGC RA2-5 (outside major cities).
- b) Figures on expenditure on public hospitals under the National Healthcare Agreement by ASGC-RA remoteness areas are not collected, as funding is provided to jurisdictions for their distribution. Under the National Health Reform Agreement reached with all states and territories, details of Commonwealth and state funding to Local Hospital Networks will be routinely published, commencing in 2012-13.