

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11- 312

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Why is the department not undertaking more detailed analysis of the use or presentations at each GP Super Clinic considering the size of the taxpayer contribution to this initiative? (refer page 26 and subsequent Hansard 31 May)

Answer:

Access to services, as indicated by presentation data, is only one aspect of one objective under the GP Super Clinics Program.

The ten objectives of the Program are to:

1. provide well integrated multidisciplinary patient centred care;
2. be responsive to local community needs and priorities, including the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and older Australians in Residential Aged Care Facilities and community based settings;
3. provide accessible, culturally appropriate and affordable care to their patients;
4. support preventive care, including promotion of healthy lifestyles, addressing risk factor and lifestyle modification to prevent chronic disease and improving early detection and management of chronic disease;
5. demonstrate efficient and effective use of information technology;
6. provide a working environment and conditions which attract and retain their workforce;
7. be centres of high quality best practice care;
8. operate with viable, sustainable and efficient business models;
9. support the future primary care workforce; and
10. integrate with local programs and initiatives.