

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30 May 2011

Question: E11-475

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FOR HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Can you tell me how many grants will be available?

Answer:

Health program grants are governed by Part IV of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (the Act). Three organisations that have been approved under section 40 of the Act have also been approved under section 41 of the Act to receive health program grants to provide health services.

Although funded since the mid 1970s, instruments under subsection 41(3) of the Act were executed in 2005 to renew the descriptions for each of the funded organisations.

No new grants will become available.