

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: National Health Reform Agreement

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Is there an estimation of what these other funding streams [*being funding streams that the Commonwealth provides directly to public hospitals, aside from those funding streams provided for in the National Health Reform Agreement*] currently are per annum?

Answer:

The Commonwealth funding streams provided directly to public hospitals annually are as follows:

- National Blood Agreement (\$48.3 million in the 2009-2010 financial year, the most recent year for which data is available);
- Highly Specialised Drugs (\$699.5 million in the 2009-2010 financial year, the most recent year for which data is available); and
- The “National Health (Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy) Special Arrangement” which commenced on 1 December 2011. This incorporates the former “National Health (Chemotherapy Pharmaceutical Access Program) Special Arrangement” and “National Health (trastuzumab) Special Arrangement” and intravenous chemotherapy supplied under Schedule 2 of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (\$85.0 million in the 2009-2010 financial year, the most recent year for which data is available).