

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: New Funding Model

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

How will you assess the impact of the new funding model and how frequently will you report on it?

Answer:

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority IHPA will assess the impact of the new funding model in a range of ways, including through its various consultation and advisory mechanisms. These include IHPA's Jurisdictional Advisory Committee (which includes representatives from each of the Commonwealth, states and territories), Stakeholder Advisory Committee (which includes representatives from key advocacy and professional groups) and through its Clinical Advisory Committee (which includes a geographically and professionally representative selection of practising clinicians). IHPA will also continue with its program of engagement with health ministers nationally.

IHPA will also pursue a formal program of monitoring and evaluation on the impacts of the introduction of the new funding model, as outlined in the Work Program which is currently open to public comment on the IHPA website. This will include regular quarterly monitoring of activity in each service category and an annual assessment public hospital service costs.