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Senator: Senator Sinodinos

Question:

What do the pilot sites cost on average?

Answer – Ms Huxtable: They vary. I do not think it makes sense to talk on an average.

What is the range?

Answer – Ms Huxtable: I do not have that in my head. The wave 1 sites came on line much earlier and were very focussed around primary care regions based around Medicare Locals that already had a high level of readiness and capability to go to the next stage. The first sites were handpicked. For the wave 2 sites there was an open process, so we got a very large number of submissions from a range of stakeholders and that resulted in those nine sites. We can take on notice exactly what the funding has been for the sites, but it ranges. You can get a sense from the fact there were 12 sites and the initial allocation was \$75 million, so that gives an average.

Answer:

The average per site was \$6.32 million.