

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: National Health Performance Authority

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

According to the framework “some primary care data is already collected through the Divisions of General Practice’s National Performance Indicators framework.”

- a) How many of the 31 indicators have been reported on by the Divisions?
- b) Will this data continue to be available?
- c) Have Divisions received financial remuneration in any form for this data?
- d) When will this data be publicly available and how?

Answer:

- a) Up to 30 June 2012, Divisions of General Practice (DGP) reported against approximately 11 National Performance Indicators (NPIs) under the National Quality and Performance System. While DGPs did not report against any of the 31 indicators under the Performance and Accountability Framework (PAF), approximately five NPIs have links to indicators in the PAF.
- b) DGP NPI data is publicly available on the Primary Health Care Research and Information Service website.
- c) While reporting against the NPIs was a requirement under DGP funding arrangements, there was no direct financial remuneration for this activity.
- d) DGP NPI data is publicly available on the Primary Health Care Research and Information Service website.