

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME 13: Acute Care**

**Topic:** Performance Accountability Framework

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

The Framework states that to the greatest extent possible the Authority will use existing data sets via existing data agencies, such as the AIHW, so as to minimise the duplication of data reporting obligations.

- a) Will the Authority have a budget allocation for interagency payments, in order to compensate for provision of data?
- b) Does any agency currently pay another agency for data or any other services?

**Answer:**

- a) The National Health Performance Authority (the Authority) does not have a budget allocation dedicated to interagency payments to compensate for provision of data. Under the National Health Reform Agreement 2011, the Commonwealth and state and territory governments agreed to provide the data needed to support health reforms including the functions of the Authority. The costs associated with provision of data are covered by the funding related terms of the Agreement and additional interagency payments are not required.
- b) The Authority will pay other agencies for services best conducted by them. For example, the Authority will pay the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) for work using very low level data that can only be done by ABS. The Authority cannot comment on the activities of other agencies.