

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question: Can you explain why, in the Budget paper on page 201, it lists the changes to the incentive as shifting from 40 to 50 per cent and not from 20 to 50 per cent?

Answer:

The current Practice Incentive Program Diabetes Incentive outcomes payment target is 20 per cent. The Government initially decided to raise the Diabetes outcomes payment target to 40 per cent from August 2013. Subsequently, following further consideration of ways to encourage best practice diabetes care, the Government decided to raise the target to 50 per cent from November 2013.