

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 13 – Acute Care

Topic: Tasmanian Health Assistance Package: Better Access to Palliative Care Program

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Senator: Polley

Question:

There was quite a bit of money injected into palliative care in Tasmania. Can you give us an update as to how that program is running?

Answer:

The Better Access to Palliative Care Program in Tasmania has now commenced.

Following a competitive grants process, funding was awarded to Hobart District Nursing Services, trading as The District Nurses, and the Tasmanian Association for Hospice and Palliative Care to deliver community-based packages of palliative care and infrastructure support activities respectively.

As the health system manager, the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services will support delivery of the above services to ensure a consistent approach across Tasmania.