

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-024

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: DIABETES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewert asked:

- a) Can the Department tell us what has happened to the original funding for the diabetes scheme announced at the 2010 budget - \$449 million?
- b) I understand the original diabetes proposal has been watered down to a pilot scheme, can the Department tell us the details of that pilot?
- c) Are there plans for any other pilots in other areas of care?

Answer:

- a) The Government is investing around \$31 million in the Coordinated Care for Diabetes pilot over four years. The financial impact of the deferral of the full implementation of the Coordinated Care for Diabetes initiative was included in the 2010-11 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.
- b) The Coordinated Care for Diabetes pilot commenced in July 2011. The decision to commence an early pilot of the Coordinated Care for Diabetes measure was in response to stakeholder consultation and the benefits offered by the opportunity to road-test the initiative to make sure it achieves the best outcomes for people with diabetes. The pilot will test new arrangements for funding and improving the quality of care for patients with diabetes, including voluntary patient enrolment, flexible funding arrangements and pay for performance incentives. The pilot will include an intervention group and a comparison group so that comparable data from usual care arrangements are available to ensure a robust pilot evaluation. The Department undertook an open tender process to engage a suitably qualified organisation to finalise the design of, and implement, manage and evaluate the Coordinated Care for Diabetes pilot. The successful tenderer was McKinsey and Company, which has formed a consortium with Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, Diabetes Australia and Diabetes Australia Queensland, South Australia Health, Queensland Health, the University of South Australia, Adelaide Western General Practice Network, General Practice Queensland, and a number of Medicare Locals/Divisions of General Practice.
- c) No.