

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-039

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: AGED CARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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Senator Furner asked:

Are you able to provide the outcomes in terms of those three streams as to where the uptake has been, what has been paid out in terms of not necessarily the first or the second payments but the overall payment, and also the general feedback you are receiving as a response to that particular program from aged care facilities?

Answer:

Medicare Australia has informed the Department that it anticipates that final figures reflecting payments for the 2010-11 financial year will be provided to the Department in early August 2011. The Department will respond to this question using these final figures once they are provided by Medicare Australia.

The general feedback received from both registered training organisations and aged care facilities is that aged care workers appreciate the assistance they receive under the program.