

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-113

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: SUBACUTE BEDS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

How much of allocated Palliative Care funds are being distributed outside Metropolitan districts?

Answer:

The allocation of subacute care funding by states and territories to Palliative Care outside Metropolitan districts under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services (NPA) is approximately \$127 million over the period 2010-11 to 2013-14, based on approved Implementation Plans. This represents approximately 43 per cent of subacute care funding allocated to Palliative Care across all states and territories.

Under the NPA states and territories have the flexibility to plan the mix of subacute service types and the regional distribution of these services that will best meet the needs of their jurisdictions.