

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11- 310

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Why is the Department only taking self reported figures from the GP Super Clinics in Operation? (Refer page 26 and subsequent Hansard 31 May).

Answer:

The current presentation data collection framework was implemented from 1 February 2011. The framework provides for the separate identification of GP and nursing/allied health presentations and the collection of data every two months by the Department from operational GP Super Clinic sites and those delivering early services.

The Department considers self reported data is the most efficient mechanism to collect non-Medicare data, including data on many nurse/allied health presentations, which reflect the totality of the services being provided in GP Super Clinics.

The Department does not consider that establishing a further data checking system would constitute an efficient use of public funding.