

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11- 311

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Is the Department checking or confirming the self reported figures presented to them?
(refer page 26 and subsequent Hansard 31 May)

Answer:

No.

The Department considers self reported data is the most efficient mechanism to collect the multidisciplinary data (GP, nursing and allied health presentations) required to reflect the totality of services being provided in GP Super Clinics.

Medicare data alone does not reflect the volume of Medicare/non Medicare services being provided by GPs, nurses and allied health professionals.

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