

**Question on notice no. 366**

**Portfolio question number: SQ17-001467**

**2017-18 Supplementary budget estimates**

**Community Affairs Committee, Health Portfolio**

**Senator Murray Watt:** asked the Department of Health on 26 October 2017—

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**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Health Care Homes

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**Senator:** Murray Watt

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**Answer:**

- a) On 1 December there were 190 practices enrolled. Additional practices are expected to enrol in the coming weeks.
- b) Of the original 200 shortlisted practices, 61 did not proceed with the trial. A number of these have been replaced by other shortlisted applicants.
- c) Of the original 200 shortlisted practices, 139 have formally signed agreements to participate. Fifty-one additional practices have signed formal agreements.
- d) \$114.3 million has been allocated to the Health Care Home stage one trial over four years from 2016-17 to 2019-20. Approximately \$61 million is allocated in 2018-19. This money will be used for clinical services and infrastructure support.
- e) Participating practices receive an up-front \$11,000 (GST inclusive) incentive grant and a bundled monthly payment linked to each enrolled patient's level of complexity and need, with the highest amount paid for the most complex and high-need patients. Bundled payment values are:
  - Tier 3 - \$1,795 per annum (highest complexity)
  - Tier 2 - \$1,267 per annum
  - Tier 1 - \$591 per annum (lowest complexity)