

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-142

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: PALLIATIVE CARE

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Senator Boyce asked:

On what basis is subacute funding for palliative care in particular allocated? Is it done on the basis of need or demographic?

Answer:

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services the Commonwealth has allocated funding to states and territories based on their estimated population share.

The allocation of subacute care funding to palliative care by states and territories is reflected in state and territory Implementation Plans which are approved by the Commonwealth. States and territories have the flexibility to plan the mix of subacute service types (including palliative care) and determine the funding allocation according to local need in consultation with sectors involved in the delivery of subacute services.