

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-153

OUTCOME 6: Rural Health

Topic: AFTER HOURS CARE IN RURAL AREAS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Please provide details of the following:

Can the Government provide a breakdown by proposed Medicare Local boundaries of the current PIP after hours incentives payments made to practices, including rural loadings?

Answer:

The funding being provided to Medicare Locals to improve access to after hours primary health care is more than double the amount of non-MBS after hours funding that is currently being provided. Every Medicare Local will receive more funding that can be used for after hours services than their area currently receives through the PIP AHI.

Please refer to Attachment A for details.