

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-218

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: NEW SUBACUTE BEDS GUARANTEE

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Senator Boyce asked:

Can you just tell me on what basis subacute funding for palliative care in particular is allocated? How do you work out how to split out subacute?

Answer:

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospitals (NPA IPHS), 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. Approved state and territory Implementation Plans will be made publicly available in 2012 on the Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations website.

The Commonwealth has allocated \$1.623 billion over the years 2010-11 to 2013-14 to subacute care under the NPA IPHS.