

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Has the Commission provided any advice to the Independent Hospital Pricing Commission, can you detail the nature of that advice and when and how it occurred, and whether you have provided any input on hospital-acquired complications that may be excluded from funding under activity-based funding?

Answer:

An officer of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) provided some preliminary views to the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) on its Draft Pricing Framework on 20 February 2012. Subsequently, the Board of the Commission considered the matter and wrote to the IHPA regarding its Draft Pricing Framework on 19 March 2012. The letter notes that the National Health Reform Agreement 2011 (NHRA) does not contemplate a 'pay for performance' regime, and that the NHRA provides a clear framework for ensuring performance and accountability within the health system. The NHRA details the roles of the National Health Performance Authority and the Commission in setting and monitoring quality performance in the delivery of health services.