

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015, 25 February 2015**

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**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Mr Bowles, given that you are going to take this on notice—and I understand that you are new to the area—could you also, rather than simply quoting the increase in funding to hospitals, put it in the context of health inflation, population growth and the projected funding under the previous national partnership agreement?

**Answer:**

Commonwealth public hospital funding to states and territories will increase over the forward estimates. Current estimates of forecast public hospital funding to states and territories are set out in the 2014-15 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, Table A.1, Attachment E: Annex A ([www.budget.gov.au](http://www.budget.gov.au), pages 2-11).