

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Chronic Disease Strategy

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

What is being done to assess the effectiveness of the existing National Chronic Disease Strategy?

**Answer:**

While there has been no formal evaluation of the 2005 National Chronic Disease Strategy (the Strategy), consideration of the currency and relevance of the Strategy was undertaken by a Community Care and Population Health Principal Committee Working Group in 2014.

Following on from this, work is currently underway on a new National Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions (the Framework) which will supersede the Strategy. The Framework will better cater for shared health determinants, risk factors and multimorbidities across a broad range of chronic conditions, and will provide a more modern policy model under which new best practice evidence can be easily incorporated.