

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Palliative Care

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

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Palliative Care Australia, a government funded initiative, recommended in 2012 to the Government that the government undertake research on issues for the provision of palliative care in rural areas and remote communities. Can the government indicate how this is progressing under their Steering Committee?

**Answer:**

In 2012, Palliative Care Australia's submission to the Inquiry of the Senate Community Affairs References Committee – Palliative Care in Australia included a recommendation "That national research on issues that impact on the provision of palliative care in rural areas and remote communities be funded and promoted".

The recommendations of the Inquiry Report: *Community Affairs References Committee – Palliative Care in Australia* do not support this recommendation from Palliative Care Australia.