

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Practice Incentives Program

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Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

According to the Budget, there is a target of 4,650 general practices participating in the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) After Hours Incentive scheme this FY (representing 84.2% of practices)

- a) What is the actual number of practices enrolled in the scheme for 2015-16 and 2016-17?
- b) What is the cost of this per year?

Answer:

- a) In 2015-16, there were 4,680 practices enrolled for the PIP After Hours Incentive (based on the May 2016 quarterly payment data).

As at February 2017, there are 5,015 practices enrolled for the PIP After Hours Incentive.

- b) In 2015-16, the allocation for all PIP Incentive payments was \$357.9 million. The PIP After Hours Incentive is a component of this allocation.

In 2016-17, the allocation for all PIP Incentive payments is expected to be \$372.9 million. The PIP After Hours Incentive is a component of this allocation.