

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Practice Incentives Program

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

**Senator:** Griff, Stirling

**Question:**

Is there any evaluation of the number and type of after-hours services provided by GP practices receiving the PIP incentive?

**Answer:**

The PIP After Hours Incentive is not linked to the number of services provided, rather it relates to coverage during the after hours period. It provides payments to accredited general practices to support the practice to provide their patients with appropriate access to after hours care. The PIP After Hours Incentive consists of five payment levels for practices to choose the model of care that best suits their business needs.