

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: National Cancer Screening Register

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Please outline the strategy for communicating the National Cancer Screening Register until its implementation, including expenditure and timelines.

Answer:

The National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR) is intended to support the renewed National Cervical Screening Program to commence on 1 December, and the transition of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program from the Department of Human Services, on a date yet to be agreed.

Communications to consumers, clinicians and pathology providers about the NCSR will be provided as part of the communications about the screening program changes themselves. Expenditure to develop NCSR input material to these communications is not separately tracked.

These costs are included costs under the Services Agreement with Telstra Health.