

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Health Care Homes

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

- a) When will service delivery actually start under the pilot? How many patients will be enrolled in the program by this date? When will the target of 65,000 patients be reached?
- b) How much funding has been spent on the pilot to date?

Answer:

- a) Health Care Home services will now have a deferred and phased start, with up to 20 Health Care Homes commencing on 1 October 2017 and the remainder commencing on 1 December 2017.

There is not a set target of enrolments for the commencement date. The stage one trial is intended to provide for a gradual patient enrolment in Health Care Homes based on population usage of Medicare chronic disease management items. With this modelling, full enrolment is reached over the course of 12 months.

- b) A total of \$2,305,839 (GST exclusive) in administered funds has been expended by the Department of Health on the Health Care Homes measure, as at 20 March 2017.