

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-490

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: WAVE 1 INCENTIVES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) Would you have a notional cost for Practice Incentive Program (PIP) type payments?
- b) Would that be something that the department would do?
- c) Are the current people involved in Wave 1 receiving an incentive
- d) How are you incentivising (Wave 1)?
- e) What assumptions have you made about incentives with the wave 1 trials?

Answer:

a) and b)

No. The Government is considering the structure of PIP payments.

c) and d)

The GPs are not receiving incentives. The GPs participating in the Wave 1 eHealth sites are receiving a support payment from their local Division of General Practice / Medicare Local. This payment compensates GP's for their practice participation which will require provider effort, in terms of trialing systems, reporting and evaluations.

e) No assumptions have been made.