

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-032

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: YOUNG PEOPLE IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE (YPIRAC) AND
REHABILITATION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewart asked:

The mid term review of the YPIRAC program identified that rehabilitation for people with acquired brain injury was a key service gap that was a contributor to the YPINH problem. The unavailability of slow stream rehabilitation in most jurisdictions means that younger people with ABI in aged care were left with no way of improving their independence.

What in the sub-acute care part of the health reform package addresses this gap, and what plans are there to address this service gap in the ongoing hospital reform process?

Answer:

Through the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services (NPA) the Commonwealth is providing up to \$1.623 billion to the states and territories to deliver 1,316 new subacute care beds and community-based services nationally over the period 2010-11 to 2013-14, including slow stream rehabilitation services for people with Acquired Brain Injury.

Under the NPA, states and territories determine the delivery and distribution of subacute beds and services according to local need. The states and territories are required to actively engage with relevant sectors in the development of their Implementation Plans and throughout the agreement period.

Over the life of the NPA, the states and territories have identified approximately 35 projects in their approved Implementation Plans which will deliver more than 780 beds and bed equivalent services for rehabilitation. Some of these projects include slow stream rehabilitation for people with Acquired Brain Injury.

Subacute care will be further developed through other elements of the health reforms such as the introduction of Activity Based Funding (funding for each activity that a hospital performs) which will help to drive efficiency in hospital services.