

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-548

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: EQUIPMENT LOANS SCHEME

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Senator Boyce asked:

In relation to the equipment loans scheme, how is the money distributed to states by Palliative Care Australia?

Answer:

The Palliative Care Equipment Loans Scheme funding will be provided to the eight state and territory palliative care organisations that form Palliative Care Australia's membership.

This funding will be distributed on a population basis, coupled with a flat foundation fee to ensure that the smaller states and territories have a reasonable baseline with which to provide equipment to members of their community in need.

The population calculations are based on the most recent data published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (3101.0 - Australian Demographic Statistics, Sep 2010).