

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 11: Mental health

Topic: Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program

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Senator: Senator Wright

Question:

What notice will Medicare give to organisations if they will not be paid for sessions above a particular level? If they have gone above their existing service level, however that is identified, what notice will be given to organisations in that case?

Answer:

The Department of Human Services – Medicare will monitor sessions on a monthly basis and will correspond with organisations quarterly, or more frequently if it appears that organisations are likely to exceed the allowable service levels for the financial year.