

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014

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OUTCOME: 4 - Acute Care

Topic: Funding Agreements with States

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Wright, Penny

Question:

- a) What legal repercussions will occur, as a result of the Commonwealth disregarding its existing funding agreements with the South Australian government?
- b) To what extent was this considered before the decisions made in the 2014 Budget?

Answer:

a) and b)
The Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations is not legally binding document and imposes no legal obligations on its signatories.