

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: Funding Agreements with States

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Wright, Penny

Question:

Did the Commonwealth government consider, in terminating partnership agreements, that health programs like palliative care services for children, birthing services for Indigenous women and forensic step-down mental health services would be terminated or adversely affected?

Answer:

The National Partnership Agreements negotiated by the previous Labor Federal Government were typically time-limited funding arrangements targeting specific health services.