

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014**

**Ref No: SQ14-000539**

**OUTCOME:** 4 - Acute Care

**Topic:** Termination of Partnership Agreements

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Xenophon, Nick

**Question:**

Did the Commonwealth Government intend, in terminating partnership agreements, that health programs such as palliative care services to children, birthing services to aboriginal women and forensic step down mental health services would be terminated or adversely affected?

a) If not why were these programs terminated by the Commonwealth without negotiation with the states?

**Answer:**

Please refer to the response provided to Question on Notice SQ14-00390.