

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: Hospital Funding

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Has the Department done any work, including modelling to ascertain what the impact of the cuts to hospital funding and reduction of Commonwealth contributions into the forwards will be?

Answer:

Commonwealth public hospital funding will increase every year over the forward estimates. The management of public hospitals remains the responsibility of state and territory governments, and the type and number of services provided is a matter for those governments.