Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Acute Care

Topic: Hospital Funding

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

How can the Government credibly move to population and CPI based funding for hospitals from 2017-18 onwards when the Intergenerational Report identifies the impact that medical technological change has on health costs – which is over and above population growth and an ageing population?

Answer:

The Department of Health is not in a position to provide the Senate with opinions on matters of government policy.