

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:

The Reform of the Federation Issues Paper on Health identifies the impact of more expensive medical technology on the cost of providing health care in the future, over and above population growth and an ageing population. How is this compatible with the Government's policy of changing the hospital funding formula?

Answer:

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