

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services

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Question:

What is the government's policy on having streamlined, one-stop, integrated doctor/pharmacy service co-located in the one building – does the Government support this model?

Answer:

While the Government acknowledges the benefits of an integrated healthcare model, it does not currently have a specific policy or position on streamlined, one-stop, integrated doctor/pharmacy service co-located in one building.

As part of the Fifth and Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreements, the Government has been funding and will continue to fund various programmes and initiatives delivered by pharmacies for medication management and quality use of medicines. Examples include Home Medicines Reviews, Dose Administration Aids, MedsChecks, Diabetes MedsChecks and Residential Medication Management Reviews.