

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Practice Incentive Programme

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Brown, Carol

Question:

There are two aspects to this. There are the new Practice Incentives Programme (PIP) payments, and there is Primary Health Networks (PHN) funding. How much is that funding?

Answer:

The total funding for after hours primary health care in 2015-16 is \$182.6 million (GST exclusive) for the following components:

- a new PIP after hours incentive payment available to eligible accredited general practices registered for the PIP (\$100.6 million GST exclusive);
- funding to PHNs to support locally tailored after hours services (\$70.4 million GST exclusive); and
- a new after hours GP advice and support line to better support all Australians who do not have access to face to face GP services in the after hours period (\$11.6 million GST exclusive).