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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Senator WATT: I understand what you are saying, but the fact is that, on page 7 of this presentation prepared by your department, in note 1, as Senator Di Natale has already said, the assumption is that the hospital benefit is 35 per cent of the national efficient price, and you are going to take on notice the reasoning behind that. What proportion of public hospital expenditure does the Commonwealth fund now, and what proportion of the private?

Answer:

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, in 2014-15 the Commonwealth funded 37.8% of public hospital services expenditure and 28.2% of private hospital expenditure.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Health and Welfare Expenditure Series No.57, Health Expenditure Australia 2014-15