

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

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Senator: Singh, Lisa

Question:

Senator SINGH: Finally the AMA's compact has a reference to Health Care Homes, but the college's compact has no reference at all to Health Care Homes. Why is there no reference to Health Care Homes in the college's compact?

Mr Bowles: I do not know specifically.

Senator SINGH: Was Health Care Homes referred to in any version of the college's compact?

Mr Bowles: I would have to take that on notice. I do not know. Page 60 Senate Monday, 29 May 2017

Senator WATT: Is there anyone here who was involved in the final document who knows why it was left out?

CHAIR: They have said they will take it on notice.

Answer:

Health Care Homes was referred to in an early version of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners compact as an existing Government initiative. In recognition of the shared agreement to strengthen Medicare, the compact highlights measures to further support and explore continuous quality improvement in general practice (p.3).