

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Mr Bowles: I refer you to Budget Paper No. 2, where all of the measures for the budget are. You will see there is additional support around a range of items that fit into the preventative health care.

Senator DI NATALE: There was, I think, a \$5 million payment to the college of general practice as well. Is that part of the prevention pillar?

Mr Bowles: There is an element—I am just trying to think of it. We have 50-odd measures and all sorts of items here. There is a \$5 million payment for GPs through the college to look at obesity, overweight.

Senator DI NATALE: Can you outline this? There is a \$5 million payment to the college of general practice, and I just want to know what that spend is on.

Mr Bowles: To deal with educating patients around obesity and overweight and all that—

Senator DI NATALE: Could you take on notice some details of that program?

Mr Bowles: I will take it on notice. There is a whole heap of fact sheets, on every single measure, that are available on the website.

Senator DI NATALE: I think you can take it that if I am asking these questions this information is not easily available.

Mr Bowles: They are all on my website, all 50-odd of these fact sheets.

Senator DI NATALE: Then it should be very straight forward for you to provide me on notice what the \$5 million is for the college of general practice?

Mr Bowles: I will provide the fact sheets to you on notice.

**Answer:**

As part of the 2017-18 Federal Budget, \$5 million will be provided to the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners for the GPs Healthy Heart Partnership to develop education and training material for GPs to support Australians to achieve a healthy lifestyle through increased physical activity and better nutrition. A copy of the fact sheet can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/budget/publishing.nsf/Content/budget2017-factsheet33.htm>