

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Health Care Homes

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Please explain the estimated savings and costs for the 2017-18 Budget measure *Guaranteeing Medicare* — development of the Health Care Homes trial. Why is there a savings of \$22.1 million in 2017-18 and a cost of \$25.6 million in 2019-20?

Answer:

The 2017-18 Budget measure *Guaranteeing Medicare – development of the Health Care Homes trial* allows for a deferred and staged commencement of services. The Health Care Homes trial will now commence from 1 October 2017 and will conclude on 30 November 2019.

This adjustment has resulted in a reduction in estimated clinical expenditure in 2017-18 and an associated increase in 2019-20.