

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Hospital Funding

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

What is the status of negotiations for funding beyond 2020?

Answer:

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Heads of Agreement on Public Hospital Funding, signed 1 April 2016, includes an acknowledgement and commitment from all parties to the Agreement to the development of a longer-term public hospital funding arrangement for consideration by COAG before September 2018. An Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council Health Reform Working Group has been established to develop a long-term reform strategy for the health system.