OSenate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-228

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: A NATIONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITALS NETWORK FOR AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE – DELIVERY OF THE REFORMS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) For each measure outlined in this book, are these timetables still applicable?
- b) If there are any that have revised timetables and implementation dates for any measures since the publication of the yellow book, what are they?
- c) If timeframes are the same or have been reduced for any measures, will this reduce the department's ability to properly consult with stakeholders on the details of implementation?

Answer:

- a) The key milestones and timelines contained in the implementation booklet 'A National Health and Hospitals Network for Australia's Future Delivering the Reforms' are still applicable with the exception of the Coordinated Care for Diabetes measure.
- b) An early pilot of the Coordinated Care for Diabetes measure will commence on 1 July 2011, twelve months before the original measure was set to begin. The Government will consider the timing of the full implementation of the measure with the objective of achieving the best outcomes for people with diabetes once it has assessed the outcomes of the pilot.
- c) No.