

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: WA AND HEALTH REFORM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) What progress has been made in discussions with Western Australian government in reaching agreement on their participation in the COAG health reform agreement?
- b) Is funding being provided to the Western Australia outside of the COAG agreement arrangements? Is so, has this commenced yet and how is the funding being provided?
- c) Is it the case that the government cannot proceed without agreement of the West Australian Government?
- d) If so, where then does this leave the Rudd/Gillard health reforms?
- e) Does the Federal government intend to penalise Western Australia which already receives far less of the GST carve up than any other states?
- f) Will all funds flow to Western Australia as they will to other states?

Answer:

- a) The Western Australian Government signed the COAG Heads of Agreement for National Health Reform on 13 February 2011.
- b) The Australian Government continues to provide funding to the West Australian Government as it did prior to the COAG Health Reform Agreement.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) Not applicable
- e) No.
- f) Yes.