

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: THE NATIONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITALS NETWORK

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

The Rudd/Gillard reforms talked long and hard about making states unblock emergency departments and cut waiting lists. What provisions exist in the agreement to enforce performance of State obligations?

Answer:

The various schedules of the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services stipulate conditions applying to the payment of funds to states and territories. Reward funding requires achievement of specified performance targets whilst facilitation and capital funding requires provision of satisfactory implementation plans and progress reports.