

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 0: WHOLE OF PORTFOLIO

Topic: HEALTH PERFORMANCE AUTHORITY

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Health Performance Authority

- a) What indicators will the private sector be required to report on – especially administrative and financial data?
- b) Will the private sector be compulsorily required to report? If so under what authority will that be imposed?
- c) What consultation has there been with the private sector under the process for reporting?
- d) How will the private sector be compensated for the increased burden of reporting?

Answer:

- a) Neither the National Health Reform Agreement nor the National Health Reform Act 2011 require private health services to provide data to the National Health Performance Authority.
- b) There has been no decision to compel new performance reporting from private health services as a result of the establishment of the National Health Performance Authority. Private hospitals have been providing performance information for the MyHospitals web site www.myhospitals.gov.au voluntarily.
- c) The Department has consulted with a range of organisations including the Australian Private Hospital Association and Catholic Health Australia. Private hospitals are represented on the steering committee of the MyHospitals web site.
- d) Reporting is voluntary.