

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-384

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINIC

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In Budget Estimates - Question E11-310 Reference was made to the "current presentation data collection framework" being implemented on 1 February 2011.

- a) What framework for collecting "self-reported" data was in place before this date?
- b) Was there no framework in place, despite GP Super Clinics being operational, or providing early services before this date?
- c) Can the Current presentation data collection framework be provided?
- d) Can the previous data collection framework (if it exists) be provided?

Answer:

a) - d)

The current presentation data collection framework was implemented from 1 February 2011. The framework provides for the separate identification of GP and nursing/allied health presentations and the collection of data every two months by the Department from operational GP Super Clinic sites and those delivering early services.

Prior to 1 February 2011, the Department collected self reported data from operational GP Super Clinics and Clinics delivering early services on patient presentations as part of the management of the individual sites. The timelines for the provision of data from individual sites varied, noting the differing dates for commencement of services. A new framework was implemented from February 2011 in order to enable Program level data collection at specific points in time.