

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-422

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: HOSPITAL FUNDING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Page 10 of the Agreement says that "the Commonwealth commits to put in place legislation requiring a process to be followed, should the Commonwealth seek to vary this Agreement". What is the process?
- b) What period will the legislation cover - will it guarantee \$175 billion by 2030?
- c) Has the legislation been drafted?
- d) When will the legislation be introduced?

Answer:

- a) The process is set out in clause 20 of the National Health Reform Agreement.
- b) It will cover the period of time for which the Agreement is in place.
- c) No.
- d) As the Commonwealth has no intention as yet of seeking to vary the Agreement, there is no plan to introduce legislation at this stage.