

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Question: E13-214

OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Palliative Care Funding and Activities

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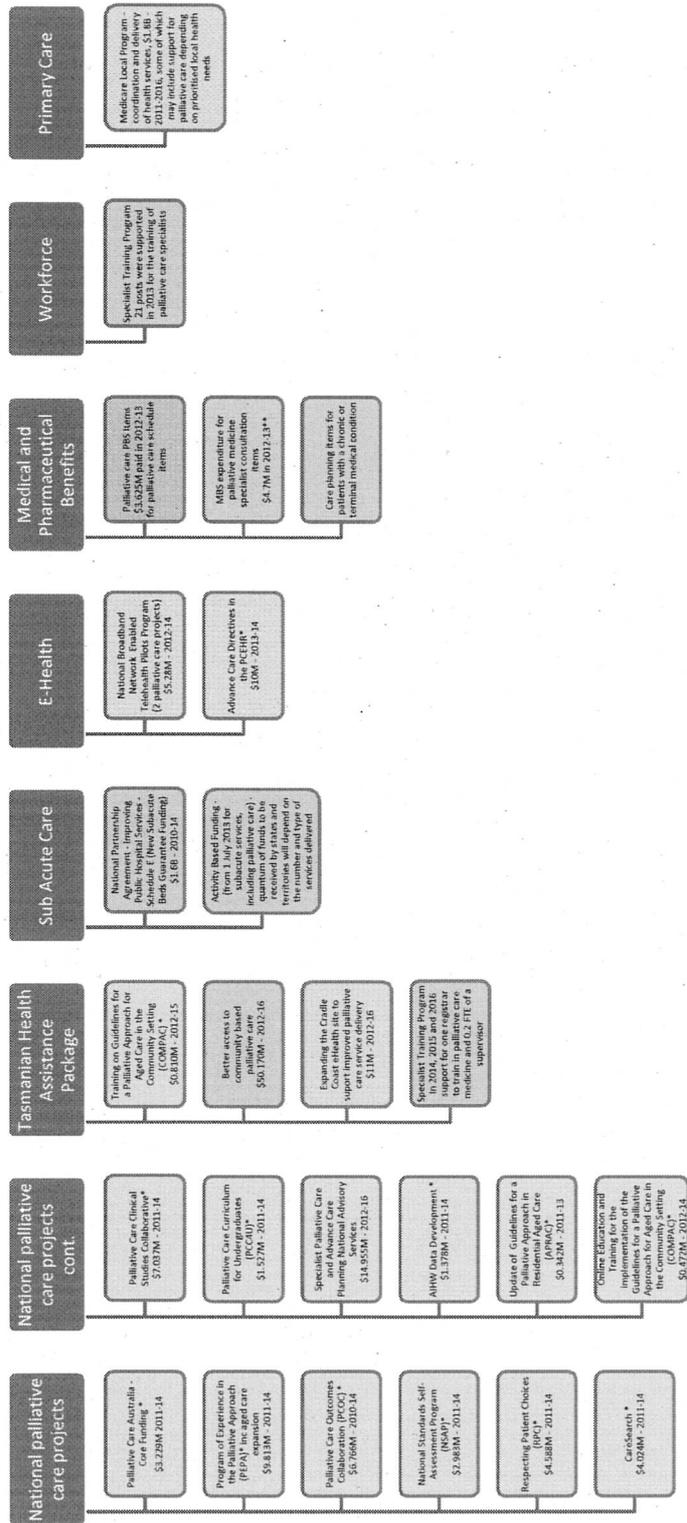
Question:

Provide a map of the structure of palliative care activities within the Department, including funding elements.

Answer:

Responsibility for national palliative care policy development and policy coordination primarily rests with the Palliative Care Section, Population Health Division in the Department of Health. However, a number of activities with a palliative care element or focus are managed across the Department. A map of these activities is attached.

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* administered under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund (CDPSIF)
 ** For example, there are rebates available for GP attendance services and for the creation of GP management plans, team care arrangements and multidisciplinary care plans which are currently utilised for palliative care patients. In addition, there are palliative services (attendance and procedural) that are provided by a range of specialists. The value and quantum of such services cannot be identified in MBS data because the patient's diagnosis and need for service is not recorded by the Department of Human Services.

Responsible Division	
Acute Care Division	Population Health Division
eHealth Division	Health Workforce Division
Medical Benefits Division	Primary and Mental Health Care Division
Pharmaceutical Benefits Division	