

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Better Access to Palliative Care Program

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**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Senator POLLEY: Just to get some more clarity: why is the BAPC program being evaluated after the national strategy? And is the BAPC evaluation going to be used to inform the national strategy, or is the national strategy set in stone regardless of the outcomes of the BAPC evaluation?

**Answer:**

The Better Access to Palliative Care (BAPC) Program is a discrete program with its own evaluation, focussed specifically on elements delivered through the Tasmanian Health Assistance Package. The BAPC evaluation is in the process of being finalised.

The National Palliative Care Strategy 2010: *Supporting Australians to Live Well at the End of Life* (the National Strategy) has been evaluated in 2016 to determine relevance and useability. The evaluation has been informed by an evidence review, national consultation through workshops in every state and territory, in-depth interviews and online submissions.