

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Primary Care - Health Care Home Trial

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

Given the 2016-17 budget papers state that the \$21.2 million has been redirected from the redesigned PIP (BP2, p 118), would the department like to clarify its answer that the \$21.3 million for Health care home trial is 'new money'?

Answer:

Funding for the Health Care Home program is made up of the redirection of \$93 million of MBS funding to support clinical services and an additional \$21.3 million for infrastructure activities.

Funding allocated for infrastructure activities has been redirected from the streamlined and simplified Practice Incentive Program, redesigned to help general practice achieve high quality health care and improved patient outcomes.