

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016**

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

**Topic:** Hospital Funding

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

When will negotiations commence for an agreement on hospital funding beyond 2020?

**Answer:**

The Council Of Australian Governments (COAG) Heads of Agreement on Public Hospital Funding, signed 1 April 2016, includes an acknowledgement and commitment from all parties to the Agreement to the development of a longer-term public hospital funding arrangement for consideration by COAG before September 2018. An Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council Health Reform Working Group has been established to develop a long-term reform strategy for the health system.