

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:

Does the government commit to ensuring that ABF and the efficient price remain key elements of any agreement going forward?

Answer:

Under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Heads of Agreement on Public Hospital Funding, signed 1 April 2016, the Government has committed to retaining Activity Based Funding, and the National Efficient Price as key elements of public hospital funding over the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020. Longer-term arrangements for public hospital funding beyond this date are subject to negotiation with states and territories prior to return to COAG by September 2018.