

House of Representative Standing Committee on Petitions

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Topic: STAND ALONE HOSPICES

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Mr Adams asked:

There is a growing issue about stand-alone hospices and issues about costs and things. Can you give us any information on that so that we could give it to the people who are petitioning us about these costs?

Answer:

The Australian Government is providing \$230 million to the States and Territories to support palliative care service delivery, for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2009. This funding is being provided under the Australian Health Care Agreements 2003-08 and 2008-09 Health Care Determinations.

State and Territory governments are therefore responsible for and fund the provision of palliative care services.