

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-165

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: AMA PILOT PROGRAM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Has the government adopted the AMA pilot program model?
- b) How far advanced is that pilot program?
- c) How long will that last?
- d) What will happen at the end of that trial?
- e) Is the whole diabetes plan in chaos?

Answer:

a and b)

The Government's Coordinated Care for Diabetes pilot will commence from 1 July 2011. The AMA is represented on the Diabetes Advisory Group and continues to work with the Department on the development of the Coordinated Care for Diabetes pilot.

- c) The pilot will last three to four years.
- d) The pilot will fully evaluate the design of the Coordinated Care for Diabetes program and its impact on patient outcomes. The findings of the pilot evaluation will inform considerations regarding possible expansion of the initiative in the future.
- e) No.