

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-206

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: HOSPITALS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

Are figures on spending in public hospitals in regional areas available by ASGC-RA remoteness areas and if so, what do they show about the relative stress being experienced by regional base hospitals as distinct from those in major cities?

Answer:

No. The Commonwealth provides financial assistance through National Healthcare Specific Purpose Payments in support of the National Healthcare Agreement to the states and territories for funding public hospital services. There are no requirements for states and territories to report on funding disbursements at regional, rural or hospital level under these agreements.