

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-227

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: HACC BONUS POOL

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

With regard to the HACC Bonus Pool, please provide a snap shot of what each jurisdiction is required to do and the progress against requirements in the different States/territories.

Answer:

In order to access funds from the HACC Bonus Pool, states/territories are required to meet a number of minimum requirements. The requirements for each payment are as follows:

*Payment 1*

- Implementation Plan for the Common Arrangements
- Implementation Plan for Access Point Demonstration Projects

*Payment 2*

- Update of Implementation Plan for the Common Arrangements
- Report on progress to implement the Common Arrangements and Access Point Demonstration Projects in line with Implementation Plans
- Project plan and commitment to development activities for Common Standards and Quality Reporting
- Commitment to development activities for the National Community Care Fees Framework
- Commitment to development activities for Information Management and Data Collection

*Payment 3*

- Progress report on Access Point Demonstration Projects that demonstrates:
  - a. The role, function and preferred model of Access Points in the state or territory
  - b. Consistent processes that limit the need for multiple assessments
  - c. Future planning for Access Points, for example relevant expansion (geographic and service) agenda
- Commitment to participating in the development of a nationally consistent assessment policy and process
- Commitment to working with the Department of Health and Ageing on further development and evaluation of the Australian Community Care Needs Assessment - Revised and Carers Eligibility and Needs Assessment - Revised

- Report on the current state/territory assessment policies and processes in operation to inform and contribute to a nationally consistent assessment process (noting that the Commonwealth will address requirements in its own programs)
- Commitment to participating in the Quality Reporting Working Group
- An Implementation Plan jointly developed with Department of Health and Ageing for the roll-out of Common Standards and Quality Reporting. This could include:
  - a. Development of collaborative reporting processes and cycles
  - b. Development of a communication strategy
  - c. Development of a plan for information provision and/or training for quality assessors

*Payment 4*

- Participation in the National HACC Conference
- Continued commitment to the implementation of the Community Care Common Standards and Quality Reporting
- Final Report on the implementation of the Common Arrangements.

Payments made to states/territories to-date for successfully meeting minimum requirements are set out in the table below.

	<b>Payment 1</b>	<b>Payment 2</b>	<b>Payment 3</b>	<b>Payment 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
New South Wales	\$1,510,000	\$1,510,000	\$1,208,000	-	\$4,228,000
Victoria	\$1,198,000	\$1,198,000	-	-	\$2,396,000
Queensland	\$1,296,000	\$1,296,000	\$1,296,000	-	\$3,888,000
South Australia	\$668,000	\$668,000	\$668,000	-	\$2,004,000
Western Australia	\$668,000	\$668,000	\$668,000	-	\$2,004,000
Tasmania	\$262,000	\$262,000	\$262,000	-	\$786,000
Northern Territory	\$228,000	-	-	-	\$228,000
Australian Capital Territory	\$170,000	-	-	-	\$170,000
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