

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Palliative Care

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

- a) When is Government responding to the recommendations of the Community Affairs inquiry into Palliative Care?
- b) Does the Government plan to fund the National Palliative care program?
- c) If not, what arrangements are being made fund the following successful programs,?
 - i) Palliative Care Curriculum for Undergraduates?
 - ii) The Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach?
 - iii) The National Standards Assessment Program?
 - iv) The Palliative Care Outcomes Collaborative?
 - v) Expansion of the Respecting Patient Choices?
 - vi) Caresearch?
 - vii) The Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health is coordinating the Australian Government response to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee report into Palliative Care in Australia.

All recommendations are being carefully considered and extensive consultation across government departments is occurring.

Timing for a response is a decision for the Government.

- b) The National Palliative Care Program was consolidated within the Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund in 2011.

Funding for national palliative care projects is a decision for the Government.

- c) Not applicable.