

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Going to New South Wales funding, is the department aware of reports that the government's decision to cut \$17 billion in hospital funding in New South Wales is seeing that state's hospitals 'becoming swamped with increasing numbers of people suffering serious conditions at the same time as federal health cuts are creating chaos and uncertainty'?

Answer:

The Commonwealth has not implemented funding cuts to public hospitals. Commonwealth public hospital funding to New South Wales will increase every year over the forward estimates.