

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Practice Incentives Program (PIP)

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

According to the Budget papers, in 2016-17, “the Government will work towards introducing changes to the PIP to include a new quality improvement incentive payment that will streamline and simplify current PIP payments to help general practice achieve high quality health care and improved patient outcomes”.

- a) What changes are being/will be introduced?
- b) What progress has been made on this to date?

Answer:

- a) Any changes to the Practice Incentives Program are still subject to consideration by Government.
- b) The Department of Health conducted a public consultation on the proposed quality improvement (QI) incentive in late 2016. The consultation found broad support for a QI Incentive and careful consideration is being given to implementation arrangements.