

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Hospitals

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

On March 9, the Minister's Office confirmed there has been a COAG change that the Commonwealth will no longer fund sentinel events. How much will the Commonwealth save from this change? Will this be reinvested into hospitals?

**Answer:**

Any reduction in the Commonwealth contribution to public hospital funding as a result of this reform will be made available for reinvestment by states and territories, subject to an overall funding cap of 6.5 per cent growth nationally in Commonwealth funding.