

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 31 May 2011

Question: E11- 462

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: PRACTICE INCENTIVES PROGRAM (PIP) AFTER HOURS INCENTIVE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please list all incentive payments and when they are moving across to Medicare Locals and, if there are any budget measures associated with it, which budget they are likely to be contained in?

Answer:

Of the existing 14 Practice Incentives Program (PIP) incentives, only the funding from the PIP After Hours Incentive will be redirected to Medicare Locals. As part of the 2010-11 Budget, the PIP after hours payments were scheduled to cease on 30 June 2013. Until then, the after hours payments will continue in their current form after which time the funding will be redirected to Medicare Locals to support after hours services.