

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Acute Care

Topic: Hospital Funding

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

With the removal of ABF and efficient pricing of hospital services from 2017-18, how does the Government plan to address problems such as the variability in the cost of hospital procedures revealed in the NHPA report "Costs of acute admitted patients in public hospitals in 2011-12"?

Answer:

The issue of addressing the variability in the cost of hospital procedures is a matter for states and territories, as the current system managers of public hospitals.