

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: FIFTH COMMUNITY PHARMACY AGREEMENT

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Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

What reporting obligations are in place for money allocated to the Pharmacy Guild under the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement, and is this information publicly available?

Answer:

Specific reporting obligations are agreed in a Deed of Multi Schedule Funding between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia. The terms of the Deed are consistent with the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, Financial Management and Accountability Requirements and related Commonwealth policy.

The reporting requirements of the Deed are also consistent in general with all Government funding agreements which include a requirement for regular reporting against project milestones. These regular management reports while not publicly available feed into program evaluations.

Fifth Agreement programs are evaluated within context of the Fifth Agreement Evaluation Framework (the Framework). The Framework provides a consistent mechanism for the evaluation of individual programs across the Fifth Agreement.

The Framework is available on the Department of Health and Ageing's website at:
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/fifth-community-pharmacy-agreement-evluation-framework>