

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

Has there been any advice provided or consideration to date of the feasibility of transition to activity based funding for Teaching, Training and Research and is it likely that it could be implemented prior to 2018?

**Answer:**

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) is establishing a Teaching, Training and Research Working Group, which will commence in January 2013. In addition to representatives from all jurisdictions, it will also include members from IHPA's Clinical Advisory Committee and a wide range of national peak bodies.

The initial work plan for the group will include:

- Defining teaching, training and research in public hospitals;
- Identifying what teaching, training and research activities undertaken within public hospitals should be funded as part of patient Activity Based Funding (ABF) payments;
- Identifying what teaching, training and research activities should be funded in their own right on an activity basis;
- Existing (international and national) approaches to counting, classifying and funding for teaching training and research; and
- Developing an understanding on the cost drivers for teaching, training and research.

IHPA will be better placed to estimate the likely timeline for transitioning to ABF for teaching, training and research prior to 2018 by late 2013.