

Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Can you provide detail of the process and timeframe for considering safety and quality in the Pricing Framework? Are there any particular international jurisdictions that may guide the Authority's approach?

Answer:

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) continues to work with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) to consider options on pricing for safety and quality. To support the Commission and IHPA in its work, the Joint Working Party Safety and Quality will provide advice on the options for the consideration of safety and quality in the pricing of public hospital services in Australia.