

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-337

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: VALUE OF MONIES REDIRECTED FROM THE AFTER HOURS PIP TO MLAH

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

What is the projected value over the forward estimates of the after-hours practice incentive payment to be redirected to Medicare Locals?

Answer:

\$56.356 million per year from 2013-14 through to 2014-15 from the cessation of the Practice Incentive Program (After Hours Incentive) on 30 June 2013.

Funds from the General Practice After Hours (GPAH) grants scheme, which will be discontinued from July 2014, have also been re-directed to the Medicare Local After Hours program. Together with new funding, this means that from 2012-13 an average of 60 per cent more funding for a Medicare Local region is available than was provided under the Practice Incentive Program (After Hours Incentive) and GPAH schemes.