

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: BREAST SCREENING

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Advise the actual expense, including a breakdown of administered and departmental, for the 2010-11 financial year.

Answer:

It is not possible to provide expenditure information for BreastScreen Australia for the 2010-11 financial year. Funding for BreastScreen Australia is provided through broadbanded payments under the National Health Reform Agreement Special Purpose Payment. It is not possible to disaggregate funding between governments. State and territory governments decide how to allocate funds across a range of programs and activities.

The latest data on program expenditure is for the 2007-08 financial year, as outlined in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's 2009 report: Public Health Expenditure in Australia, 2007-08. In 2008-09, expenditure reporting changed, meaning that expenditure on national screening programs is now reported as one consolidated figure for the three national screening programs rather than being separated by program.