

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Acute Care

**Topic:** Hospital Funding

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Could the committee receive a copy of the letters that the minister has sent to the states and territories on public hospital funding?

**Answer:**

The Minister's correspondence of 24 May 2014 offered states additional funding of \$104.2 million. Copies of the Minister's correspondence of 24 May 2014 can be accessed via the following link on the Department of Health's Freedom of Information disclosure log, documents 12 through 19.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/foi-313-1314>.

The Minister's correspondence of 12 December 2013 offered states additional funding of \$66.3 million to offset cash flow changes arising from parameter updates under the National Health Reform Specific Purpose Payment indexation formula.