

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Senate Inquiry into the Out-of-Pocket Costs in Australian Healthcare

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

One of the recommendations of the inquiry was: The committee recommends that the Government review existing models for funding and delivery of primary healthcare with a view to identifying opportunities for improved service delivery and health outcomes.

- a) What is the Department's position on this?
- b) What procedures does the Department already have in place to assess existing funding models and delivery of primary healthcare?
- c) Does the Department provide advice to Government on opportunities for improved service delivery and health outcomes?

Answer:

- a) This is a matter for Government.
- b) The Department of Health continually monitors and assesses the arrangements for funding and delivering health care, paying particular attention to the most vulnerable groups in the community.
- c) Yes.