

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

**Topic:** eHealth - Practice Incentive Payment Changes

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**Senator:** Moore, Claire

**Question:**

What is the time frame for the review that you started and that you have had this range of webinars on? On notice, can we get a list of the processes you have used in the consultations and with whom you have consulted. What is the time frame for getting your paper to government?

**Answer:**

The Practice Incentive Programme (PIP) eHealth Incentive consultation process commenced on 11 August 2015. Consultation has focussed on the Practice Incentives Programme Advisory Group (PIPAG) whose membership includes Australian Medical Association (AMA), Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA), National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), Australian Association of Practice Managers (AAPM) and an independent member.

Consultation included the following processes:

- August 2015 - Newsletter sent to all PIP practices.
- 11 August 2015 - PIPAG meeting held to discuss scope and process of consultation.
- 11 September 2015 - Discussion paper provided to PIPAG member organisations to distribute to their respective memberships.
- 29, 30 September, 1 October 2015 - Webinars held.
- 12 October 2015 – Closing date for written submissions.
- 15 October 2015 - Proposed revised eligibility criteria distributed to PIPAG members.
- 19 October 2015 – PIPAG meeting to consider the proposed eligibility criteria.