

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Better Access to Palliative Care

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**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Senator POLLEY: There was an amount of money that was given to Tasmania in terms of the Better Access to Palliative Care program, which has used its money. It has been evaluated. What I was asking was: if the evaluation comes back—which I expect it will, in all fairness—saying that this program has been successful, is the department considering extending some funding? And if they are not—they keep telling me we have had all we are going to get—is the government going to consider funding this important program to continue?

**Answer:**

The Better Access to Palliative Care (BAPC) program was always a time limited program, which concluded on 30 June 2016. Some organisations involved in the program received extensions to deliver the agreed services using unspent monies. There are no further funds available for the program. No elements of the Tasmanian Health Assistance Package (THAP) have been identified for continued or additional funding.