

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: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Aged Care Funding Instrument

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

- a) Has the Department modelled the potential impact of the proposed ACFI changes on the broader health system and on the public hospitals, and emergency care in particular?
- b) What impact did this indicate?
- c) Has the Government communicated with State and Territory Premiers and Chief Ministers and Health Ministers about the proposed ACFI changes?

Answer:

The Australian Government increased its estimates of funding by \$3.8 billion over the forward estimates. The announced measures mitigate this unexpected growth but funding for residential aged care continues to grow at 5.1 per cent per annum on average over the forward estimates. The precise impact of this continued funding growth on other areas was not modelled. State and territory government had access to the same information on the changes in the Budget announcement as other parties.