

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Funding for Aboriginal Health Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Dodson, Patrick

Question:

In terms of the Department's role in developing the so called Health Care Homes model, how is this work informing any potential changes to ACCHOs, including the way they are remunerated?

Answer:

Health Care Homes will commit to a systemic approach to chronic disease management in primary care, which supports accountability for ongoing high quality patient care. Health Care Homes will build on existing models of chronic disease care in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs). Where this is not already happening, Health Care Homes will support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to better coordinate their health care.

Funding for Health Care Homes will be bundled into periodic payments to ensure the patient's health care needs are regularly monitored and reviewed.