

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: BET 381

Topic: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

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Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. What is the cost of establishing the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority under the National Health and Hospitals Network reform?
2. How many staff will the Authority employ?

Answer:

1. The 2010 Federal Budget provided \$91.8 million over four years to establish the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) and to support the operations of the Authority during the forward estimates period.
2. The Department of Health and Ageing have advised that, as proposed, the Chief Executive Officer of the IHPA would have responsibility for making financial and staffing decisions.