

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

20 – 21 October 2010

Question:SBT 1

Topic: National Health & Hospitals Network - Diversion of GST Revenue

Senator Coonan asked:

1. What is the current status of negotiations with the West Australian Government on the National Health and Hospitals Network in respect of diversion of GST revenue to a new health and hospitals fund ?

Answer:

Western Australia has not signed the NHHN Agreement. Discussions about the NHHN Agreement, including in respect of the retention and dedication of a proportion of GST revenue, are continuing between the Commonwealth and Western Australian governments.