

29 March 2017

**Amendment to be moved by Senator Griff  
to Business of the Senate Notice of Motion No. 5**

*As listed on page 4 of today's Notice Paper in the names of Senators Griff and Xenophon*

To move—That the following matters be referred **on 1 June 2017** to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2017:

The **value and** affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs, with particular reference to:

- (a) private and public hospital costs and the interaction between the private and public hospital systems **including private patients in public hospitals** and any impact on waiting lists;
- (b) the effect of co-payments and medical gaps on financial and health outcomes;
- (c) private health insurance product design **including product exclusions** and benefit levels, including rebate consistency and public disclosure requirements;
- (d) the use and sharing of membership and related health data;
- (e) the take-up rates of private health insurance **including as they relate to the Medicare levy surcharge and Lifetime Health Cover loading**;
- (f) **the relevance and consistency of** standards **including those** relating to informed financial consent for medical practitioners, private health insurance providers and private hospitals;
- (g) medical services delivery methods **including health care in homes and other models**;
- (h) the role and function of:
  - (i) medical pricing schedules, including the Medicare Benefits Schedule, the Australian Medical Association fee schedule and private health insurers' fee schedules,
  - (ii) the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) in regulating private health insurers, and
  - (iii) the Department of Health **and the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman** in regulating private health insurers and private hospital operators;
- (i) **the current government incentives for private health**;
- (j) the operation of relevant legislative and regulatory instruments; and
- (k) any other related matter.