

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Medicare – Media Article Allegations – Team Care Arrangements

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Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

Dr Webber claimed that he was told “not to say anything” by Department of Health and Ageing officers when he spoke up about misuse of Medicare benefits.

- a) Is anyone from Medicare Australia or Department of Health and Ageing aware of this incident occurring?
- b) Has any investigation taken place within Medicare Australia or the Department of Health and Ageing to find out if this claim is true?

Answer:

- a) No. The department is not aware of the alleged conversation.
- b) No. The department has not initiated any investigation into this allegation.