

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2013 - 2014, 26 February 2014**

**Ref No: SQ14-000186**

**OUTCOME:** 9 - Private Health

**Topic:** Private Health Insurance

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

Have any complaints been received in relation to the latest approved increases in private health insurance premiums? How many?

**Answer:**

Yes. As at 26 February 2014 the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman had received 2 complaints relating to the 2014 increases for private health insurance premiums. The Minister regularly receives correspondence about private health insurance issues, including premium increases. This correspondence is not categorised and is therefore not treated as complaints.