

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-226

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: Medicare Benefits - Episode Cones

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Is there any information available on how often GPs order tests in excess of the episode cone and how many additional tests are ordered on average.

Answer:

No. The Department of Human Services (DHS) collects information about the claiming of Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) pathology items.