

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: Health Technology Assessments

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Senator: Senator Richard Di Natale

Question:

The Report of the Review of Health Technology Assessment in Australia was released in February last year more than two years ago. While most of the recommendations have been accepted, three – 13, 14 and 15 remain subject to further consideration by Government.

- 1) Is the Department providing advice to the Government on the implementation of these recommendations?
- 2) What is the nature of the advice?
- 3) Can you provide an indication of when the Government is likely to respond?

Answer:

- 1) Yes.
- 2) The advice is in relation to the Government response to the Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee, Inquiry into The Regulatory Standards of the Approval of Medical Devices, which specifically refers to Health Technology Assessment (HTA) recommendations 13, 14 and 15.
- 3) The timing of this response is a matter for Government.