

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 31 May 2014**

**Ref No: BE14-032**

**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Exemptions for GP co-payment

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

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Are all health checks and Chronic Care Management items for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people exempt from the GP co-payment? Is this only for Aboriginal Medical Services, or will the exemptions apply for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples using mainstream medical services?

**Answer:**

Medicare Benefits Schedule chronic disease management and health assessment items will not be affected by the patient contribution Budget measure. This applies for all eligible Australians, in all medical practices.