

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-069

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME DEFERRALS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Coonan asked:

What was the criteria for each of the decisions taken as to which medicines will be deferred from listing on the PBS?

Answer:

Please refer to Page 93 of the Hansard transcript.

The Government has given priority to listing medicines that treat life threatening or serious diseases, where there is not another treatment available.