

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 31 May 2011

Question: E11-515

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: DEFERRAL OF LISTINGS

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Senator Coonan asked:

- a) How do we estimate it?
- b) There must be some benefit if we are trying to get the budget back into surplus, and this is a key factor, so we are told. It must have some figure attached to it?
- c) Is it \$100 million? That is what it should be.
- d) It is \$25 million over four years, if that is

Answer:

a) b) c) and d)

The costs of measures considered by the Cabinet, including potential Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme listings are Cabinet in Confidence.