

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-451

OUTCOME 9: Private Health Insurance

Topic: PRIVATE HEALTH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

How many staff does the department anticipate will lose their jobs in the private health system because of the changes to the private health rebate?

Answer:

Any second round impacts, such as the impact on private health system staffing, of the proposal can not be reliably modelled.

However, less than 30,000 people are expected to drop private health insurance hospital cover. This is unlikely to impact on jobs in the private health system.