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RE:

Senate Inquiry - The availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia.

Dear Secretary,

I am 71 years of age and I have advanced prostate cancer. I am currently taking Zolacos to keep the cancer at bay. When this drug fails to suppress the cancer I may have to move on to chemotherapy treatment, this can make you as sick as a dog. I am hoping to enjoy a few more years of pleasant life before starting on this treatment.

Men with advanced prostate cancer in the United States are able to be treated successfully with Zytiga or Xtandi before chemotherapy thus extending their pleasant life.

Could the Committee please consider having a look at making the drugs, Zytiga and Xtandi, available in Australia on the National Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Kind Regards,