

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question:** E13-007

**OUTCOME 2:** Access to Pharmaceutical Services

**Topic:** Home Medicines Review Program

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

**Senator:** Senator Xenophon

**Question:**

If the program is allowed to continue, where will the funding shortfall be made up?

**Answer:**

Schedule 1 of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement notes the indicative funding for all professional programs and services for the five-year period of the Agreement. Consistent with practice under the current and previous Agreements, funding indicatively allocated to underspending programs can be redistributed by the Agreement Consultative Committee to overspending programs within the same year.