

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-058

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Chemotherapy Drugs

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

Because pharmacies have lost this funding source, what analysis has the department undertaken as to what impact this will have on the future of reinvestment strategies of public pharmacists?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing has sought evidence of the expected impact of price disclosure changes on both public and private pharmacies and hospitals. To date, there has been no indication from public hospitals or pharmacists that their reinvestment strategies will change as a result of the price disclosure of Docetaxel.