

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

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Question:

Senator CAMERON: I understand CPA5 is the group that processes claims for pharmacists, is that correct? CPA5 is the group that processes claims for pharmacists who are delivering health and medication reviews to those diagnosed with chronic illness.

Mr Sandison: CPA5 is the agreement, the Pharmacy Agreement 5, and it has a range of different programs. I think there are about 10 different programs within it.

Senator CAMERON: The Department of Health formally announced that Human Services would no longer be providing that service. I think that was on the 12 February.

Mr Sandison: They made an announcement based on a decision of the Minister for Health and it was for seven of the programs within the agreement.

Senator CAMERON: Seven programs.

Mr Sandison: That is correct.

Senator CAMERON: On notice can you advise me of what those seven were?

Mr Sandison: Certainly.

Answer:

Administration of the following seven Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement programmes will be transferred from the Department of Human Services to the Pharmacy Guild of Australia from 1 March 2014:

1. Pharmacy Practice Incentive;
2. Residential Medication Management Review;
3. Quality Use of Medicines;
4. Home Medicines Review;
5. Medication Use Review;
6. Rural Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance; and
7. Aboriginal Health Services Section 100 Handling Fee.