

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015, 25 February 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

**Topic:** Government Policy - Medical Research Fund

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**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Is the current government policy still to ensure that all of the revenue from the \$5 co-pay will go to the Medical Research Future Fund?

**Answer:**

On 3 March 2015, the Minister for Health and Minister for Sport, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, announced the \$5 rebate reduction and optional co-payment for GP consultations, scheduled to commence on 1 July 2015, will no longer proceed.