

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Private Health

Topic: Private Health Insurance Rebate

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Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Senator DI NATALE: Can you give me a sense of what the value of the rebate has done over the last three financial years? Do you have that information to hand?

Mr Porter : I do not think I have that information with me, but we can certainly take that on notice.

Answer:

Rebate expenditure over the past three financial years is detailed in the table below.

2011/2012	2012/2013*	2013/2014
\$ 5,470,851,513	\$ 5,183,170,517	\$ 5,608,356,072

*Due to the introduction of the means testing of the private health insurance rebate in 2012, a large number of consumers pre-paid their premiums prior to 1 July 2012, leading to higher rebate expenditure in 2011-12.