

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: MBS Review

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Gallagher, Katy

Question:

In a press statement released by the minister on December 28, the Minister declared that the review had recommended 23 MBS items for removal. Is this correct, and what savings will be made as a result of this decision?

Answer:

The Taskforce has provided recommendations to the Minister relating to 23 Medicare Benefits Schedule items. The Government has yet to make a decision and thus there are no outcomes relating to the question of savings at this time.