

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: ELISA Tests

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Madigan, John

Question:

How many of the number of Medicare funded ELISA tests were:

- a) positive and referred for Western blot testing
- b) positive and not referred for Western blot testing
- c) false positive
- d) negative
- e) equivocal

Answer:

a) to e)

This information is not collected by the Commonwealth. Test results are a matter for laboratories, patients, and treating clinicians.