

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016, 10 February 2016**

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

**Topic:** Western Blot Testing

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Madigan, John

**Question:**

How many people were tested for Lyme disease using a Western blot? What were the results of the Medicare funded western blot tests?

**Answer:**

Neither Western blots nor testing for Lyme disease have specific items on the Medicare Benefits Schedule, therefore this information is unavailable.

Results of pathology tests are a matter for laboratories, patients, and their treating clinicians.