

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: Pathology Rebates

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Senator: Lambie, Jacqui

Question:

Senator LAMBIE: Have any pathology rebates been indexed for the last 20 years?

Mr Bowles: I do not have the exact figure, but there has not been a lot of indexation over time.

Senator LAMBIE: Could you provide me with the index rate from the last 20 years, if I put that on notice?

Mr Stuart: Yes, we can confirm that.

Mr Bowles: We can confirm that.

Answer:

Medicare rebates for pathology have not been indexed since 1998.