

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: MBS Review Taskforce

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

Regarding the MBS Review Taskforce, please advise:

- a) How many items in total are on the prosthesis list?
 - i. Of these, how many have been reviewed by the Taskforce?
- b) How many items have been removed from the MBS, and how many have been added?
- c) How many items have further been identified for removal or addition?

Answer:

- a) There are a total of 11,146 items on the prosthesis list. The prosthesis list is overseen by the Prostheses List Advisory Committee and not the Medicare Review Taskforce.
- b) Prosthesis List items are not on the Medicare Benefits Schedule.
- c) None.