

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: AusTender Contract - MBS Review

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

In relation to a contract listed on AusTender - CN3407648 - for "risk management project for the MBS Review".

- a) what is this contract for?
- b) what "risk" is this contract to manage?
- c) why does the Government think it needs to manage risks around the MBS review?

Answer:

- a) Order for the Provision of a Risk Review of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review. The work specification for the Services is to undertake independent review of governance and risk management policies and processes associated with the MBS Review and provide advice on areas where risk management controls could be strengthened.
- b) This project will identify and consider improvements that can be made to the way the Department successfully supports the MBS Review Taskforce to deliver outcomes expected from the Review.
- c) The Department's Risk Management Framework requires that the risks associated with all policies and programs be actively managed.