

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11- 530

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PRICE INCREASES – TIME LENGTH OF DEFERRAL

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Senator Boyce asked:

- a) PBPA has recommended price increases and they have not been implemented. So how long is it that those recommendations have been sitting there unimplemented?
- b) Do we have some that have been sitting around for years and years, or are we talking about one or two months?
- c) How many of those medicines have been waiting more than six months for the price increase?

Answer:

All eight price increases not agreed by the Government, as announced by the Minister for Health and Ageing on 25 February 2011, were recommended by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority at its meeting on 15 December 2010.