

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

What criteria does the Department apply to assess proposals for health interventions? For example, the cost per disability adjusted life year.

Answer:

The department supports the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) to provide expert, evidence-based advice to the Minister on a broad range of new services and to review existing MBS items to ensure that Australians have access to health services that have been shown to be safe and clinically effective, as well as representing value for money for the Australian health care system.