Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-253

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: Medicare Benefits - Decisions of MSAC

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Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

Does the Ombudsman have the power to assess MSAC's conduct? Please provide the legislative basis for your answer.

Answer:

Any question about the proper interpretation of the *Ombudsman Act* 1976 should be referred to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.