

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 30 & 31 May and 1 June 2012

**Question: E12-254**

**OUTCOME: 3** Access to Medical Services

**Topic:** Medicare Benefits – Decisions of Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC)

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

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**Senator:** Senator Di Natale

**Question:**

- a) How are MSAC members appointed and what professional and personal attributes are required for membership?
- b) Are the CV's of MSAC members available to the public?
- c) How are MSAC members remunerated?

**Answer:**

- a) MSAC members are appointed by the Minister for Health, ~~the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP.~~  
When considering appointment of members to the committee, the Minister's decision is informed by;
  - nominations by the relevant craft group;
  - CV, expertise, experience and qualification/s of Nominee/s;
  - consideration by the MSAC Executive of CV, expertise, experience and qualifications of nominee/s; and
  - Conflict of Interest (COI) declaration/s.
- b) No.
- c) MSAC members are remunerated under the agreed terms and requirements of the Remuneration Tribunal.