

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013

Question: E13-010

OUTCOME: 3 – Access to Medical Services

Topic: Rebate Shortfalls

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Boyce

Question:

Given the impact of inflation what would be the present value of medical benefits compared to five or six years ago?

Answer:

Adjusting for inflation, the present value of the 2007-08 Medicare benefits (\$13.0 billion) is \$14.6 billion.

The Medicare Benefits Schedule expenditure for 2012-13 was \$18.6 billion.