

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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

Question: E13-167

OUTCOME: 3 - Provide access to medical services

Topic: Extended Medicare Safety Net

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Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

What is the projected expenditure on the extended Medicare safety net over the forward estimates?

Answer:

The Extended Medicare Safety Net provides patients with an increase in their Medicare rebate. It is included in the overall forward estimates for the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), with the forward estimates of expenditure on individual components or items in the MBS not separately reported. The projected forward estimates for the MBS are as follows:

Variations to Estimates (expense, millions)

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
2013-14 Budget	\$18,838.22	\$20,240.16	\$21,540.40	\$23,015.43

Source: Australian Government 2013-14 Health and Ageing Portfolio Budget Statements