

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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

Question: E13-170

OUTCOME: 3 – Access to Medical Services

Topic: Chronic Disease Management Services

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Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

How many fewer standard consultations or how many fewer GP management plans do you assume will not be provided to give the government this saving?

Answer:

As the Medicare rebate for a GP chronic disease management plan is higher than the rebate for a standard consultation item, GPs are expected to claim for the GP management plan in preference to the standard consultation item. It is therefore estimated that 2.6 million fewer standard GP consultations over four years will be claimed. There will be no impact on the number of GP chronic disease management plans claimed.