

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

**Topic:** GP Co-payment

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

**Senator:** Madigan, John

**Question:**

Under the new co-payment scheme, if a patient were to visit five different doctors twice, how are the medical centres to know when the 10th visit is applied?

**Answer:**

The Department of Human Services (DHS) will establish a process to monitor the status of concessional patients. DHS will be able to track how many times the patient has paid the \$7.00 contribution and to provide advice on this to patients and service providers on request, including through its usual electronic channels.