

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014

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OUTCOME: 2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PBS Co-payments

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Senator: Brown, Carol

Question:

- a) On what date was advice sought by the Minister about the increase to the PBS co-payment and safety nets?
- b) On what date was this advice provided?

Answer:

The *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – increase in co-payments and safety net thresholds* was announced as a Budget measure in the 2014-15 Budget. Such measures are regarded as ‘sensitive to Government’ during development and until announced. Budget deliberations cannot be divulged.