

**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:** 0 - Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Medical Research Future Fund

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

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

For the payments into the Medical Research Future Fund from the health portfolio savings and cuts please provide a breakdown of:

- a) where these payments are coming from (the payment source);
- b) over each financial year and forward financial year to 2020; and
- c) the amounts from each funding source, over financial years.

**Answer:**

- a) The payments into the Medical Research Future Fund are planned to be drawn from uncommitted funds in the Health and Hospitals Fund; Medicare co-payments; Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) co-payments; changes to the PBS Safety Net; pause to indexation for Medical Benefits Scheme rates, freeze to income thresholds for Private Health Insurance rebates; and changes to the Medicare Safety Net.

b) and c)

The quantum and timing of payments into the Medical Research Future Fund are dependent on the passage of legislation relating to relevant Budget measures.