

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Question:

Changes to the Newstart and unemployment benefits and Co-payments for medical services will present barriers to people accessing AOD services and impact on the AOD service sector capacity. Further cuts to the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grant Fund puts the AOD sector at a further disadvantage.

What are the intended cuts, if any other than to indexation, to the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grant Fund?

Answer:

Any changes to the funding from the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund as part of Flexible Funds savings measure announced in the 2014-15 Budget are still to be determined.