

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014**

**Ref No:** SQ14-000597

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

**Topic:** GP co-payment

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

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

What date was the department requested to start work on the co-payment to see a GP?

**Answer:**

*The Medicare Benefits Schedule – introducing patient contributions for general practitioner, pathology and diagnostic imaging services* 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.