

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: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: GP Co-payment

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Once the Medical Research Fund reaches the \$20 billion proposed, will the co-payment on GP, diagnostic and pathology items cease or be removed? If not where will that funding be allocated?

Answer:

The Medical Research Future Fund is not projected to reach a balance of \$20 billion until 2019-20, which is beyond the Forward Estimates period.