

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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

**Topic:** Comprehensive Management Framework

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

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Please provide an update on the Comprehensive Management Framework - is this work ongoing?

**Answer:**

Under the Comprehensive Management Framework for the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) provides advice to Government about the public funding of proposed new and existing medical services, screening programmes, and blood and blood products. There are currently 96 applications to MSAC at different stages of the assessment process.

Reviews of existing MBS services are also undertaken to ensure that they remain supported by contemporary evidence, align with current medical practice; and are reimbursed appropriately to support cost-effective, evidence based, best practice care. There are currently 22 reviews underway. Ten are nearing completion and 12 are currently in different stages of the reviews process.

Funding for this work under the CMFM continues to 30 June 2015.