

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: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Rural Health Services - GP Tax

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Has The Minister for Health requested any analysis be done on what the GP Tax ("co-payment") will mean for regional and rural health?

Answer:

The Medicare Benefits Schedule - Introducing patient contributions for general practitioner, pathology and diagnostic imaging services measure was announced as a Budget measure in the 2014-15 Budget. Budget measures are regarded as sensitive to Government during development and until announced. Government Budget deliberations cannot be divulged.