

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

What concerns have been raised with the department about the administrative burden and disruption the introduction of the GP Tax will now have on surgeries?

Answer:

The patient contribution measure commences on 1 July 2015. The Department of Health is currently working with the Department of Human Services on the specifications for changes that will be required to the Medicare claims system.

The Department of Health will conduct formal consultations with external stakeholders to discuss implementation of this measure.