

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Private Health

Topic: Means Testing

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Senator: Brown, Carol

Question:

- a) Has any advice gone to the minister in relation to removing the means test for the private health insurance rebate?
- b) What is the likely cost of removing the means test?
- c) Are you able to provide me with any information there?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health routinely provides advice to the Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, on a range of matters within Private Health Insurance including the private health insurance rebate and means testing.
- b) The Department has not formally modelled the likely cost of removing the means test.
- c) See above.