

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: Impact of Co-Payment on Aboriginal Medical Service

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Have you spoken to the AMS about how this will impact on their services - if there were any representations to the Department?

Answer:

Department of Health representatives have briefed the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and its state and territory affiliate organisations on the 2014-15 Budget measures relevant to Aboriginal medical services and received feedback on the measures. Departmental representatives have also spoken with a number of service providers and heard their views about how the patient contribution could impact on their services.