

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: GP Co-payment

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

On what date did the department start modelling for the \$7 co-payment to go and see the doctor?

Answer:

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