

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Question:

In the Statement of Risks in Budget Paper 1, the Government identifies a potential liability for costs incurred due to the early termination of the Medicare Local Deed for Funding – what costs have been incurred or are expected to be incurred, and what are the circumstances and amounts?

Answer:

Medicare Locals are required to submit their final claims for transition costs and any reasonable costs unavoidably incurred which are directly attributable to the termination on 31 July 2015. These claims will need to be verified before a final figure can be provided.