

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Private Health

Topic: Private Health Insurance

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

Programme 6.1 of the 2015 Health Portfolio Budget Statement lists affordability of private health insurance as a key goal. It links affordability to the private health insurance rebate and again commits the government to restoring it to a full 30% when fiscal circumstances allow.

When was the Minister last briefed on improvements to prosthesis listing practices that will reduce costs for private health insurers?

Answer:

The Department of Health routinely provides advice to the Government on issues such as prosthesis listing.