

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 - 2 June 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

**Topic:** Reversing Indexation Freeze

**Type of Question:** Hansard Page 106, 1 June 2015

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Senator McLUCAS: What would be the annual cost to the Commonwealth of reversing the indexation freeze from today and for each of the financial years 2016-17, 2017-18? Can a breakdown of that be provided for GP items and non-GP items.

Mr Bowles: It is probably best that we take that on notice.

**Answer:**

A reversal of the pause on indexation has not been costed.