

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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

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

**Topic:** Australian Hearing Consultations

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**Senator:** Moore, Claire

**Question:**

What is the difference in cost between a Nucleus 5 and a Nucleus 6 Cochlear speech processor?

**Answer:**

Australian Hearing Services has a commercial-in-confidence contract arrangement with Cochlear Limited for the supply of speech processor upgrades and replacements. Under this contract, Cochlear Limited supplies the Nucleus 5 and Nucleus 6 models to Australian Hearing at the same price. There is no cost difference in the Community Service Obligations program between these two processor models.