

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Flexible Funds

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

What will the percentage impact be across the Flexible Funds impacted by the cuts to the Flexible Funds?

Answer:

A cumulative saving of 2.8 per cent per year for each of the four years from 1 July 2015 (averaging 7 per cent over the forward estimates) has been notionally applied to some Flexible Funds (the saving was not calculated to apply to the Indigenous Australians Health Programme or the Medical Indemnity Insurance Funds). The Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, will consider how to deliver these savings, while directing funding to the Government's priorities and supporting service provision.