

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

On what basis were members of the Review Taskforce appointed, how often are they expected to meet and on what basis will they be expected to report?

Answer:

Members of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce were appointed as individual experts. The Taskforce will meet at least four times per year. The Taskforce will provide initial advice to the Minister for Health by the end of 2015, which is anticipated to cover processes and priorities and identify review topics.