

**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:** 2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services

**Topic:** Highest Prescribed Medicine in Australia - Atorvastatin

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Can you disaggregate the eight million Atorvastatin prescriptions based on strength?

**Answer:**

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription numbers for Atorvastatin (by strength) in 2013-14, by date of processing are as follows:

<b>Strength</b>	<b>PBS Prescriptions</b>
Tablet 10 mg (as calcium)	1,198,594
Tablet 20 mg (as calcium)	2,915,340
Tablet 40 mg (as calcium)	3,380,450
Tablet 80 mg (as calcium)	1,417,993
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,912,377</b>

Please note these figures are s85 PBS subsidised scripts only. They are not included under co-payment scripts.