

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Scripts for Paracetamol

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Brown, Carol

Question:

Of these (the six million scripts), what percentage would have been the osteo slow release formulation?

Answer:

79.1 per cent of the six million Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescriptions processed in 2013-14 for paracetamol were for the osteo slow release formulation.