

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

In terms of debits from the MRFF that could compromise financial assistance to a medical research institute, a university, a corporate Commonwealth entity or a corporation—I understand that is in the legislation—what corporations could that include?

Answer:

The Bill is designed to provide flexibility when determining who can receive payments and the reference in Section 24 will cover any corporate body. In practice this will include corporations undertaking research or assisting with the commercialisation of research.