

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

Ms Garrett: The Hearing Services Rules of Conduct apply to service providers that are providing services under the program.

Senator SIEWERT: Presumably those rules can be changed?

Ms Garrett: Yes, they can be changed.

Senator SIEWERT: When were they last reviewed?

Ms Garrett: The current edition is from 2012.

Senator SIEWERT: When you say current edition, did you consider whether this type of thing is an issue when you looked at the rules then?

Ms Garrett: I would not be able to answer that.

Ms Jolly: We would have to take that on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice. Is there a plan to review the rules?

**Answer:**

No. The current *Hearing Services Rules of Conduct 2012* (the 2012 Rules) were remade from the 2005 edition. There was no focus on advertising in the remake of these Rules or any material change to the advertising requirements specified therein.