

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 May 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Health System Policy, Design and Innovation

**Topic:** My Health Record

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**Senator:** Singh, Lisa

**Question:**

Mr Bowles: I have already said that it is efficiencies across the health system, particularly hospitalisation issues—the whole range of issues across the system. It will impact on all parts of the system—yes, probably MBS, PBS, hospitals and the whole lot.

Senator SINGH: It will?

Mr Bowles: It has to, because if you reduce duplication of testing, it has to have an impact. Again, this is about improving health care for patients. If you reduce duplication and stop people getting the wrong drugs and getting adverse events from the wrong drugs, you get a benefit to the system and, most importantly from my perspective, you get a benefit for patients.

Senator SINGH: I think you were taking on notice to provide the savings coming from the health system efficiencies.

Ms Konti: Yes.

Senator SINGH: Could I have a breakdown by program and year, when you provide that on notice?

**Answer:**

The breakdown of the health systems efficiencies is:

<b>Savings</b>	<b>2017-18 (\$m)</b>	<b>2018-19 (\$m)</b>	<b>2019-20 (\$m)</b>	<b>2020-21 (\$m)</b>	<b>Total (\$m)</b>
Reduced Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging (MBS)	-8.05	-22.51	-41.95	-64.33	<b>-136.84</b>