

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

Senator SIEWERT: In terms of the costing, could you take on notice whether you have done any, Dr Hartland. I interpreted what you said as that you weren't sure—that there hadn't been any costings done?

Dr Hartland: I was not sure whether a formal costing had been done, no.

Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice to see if there has been; and, if there has, what it is?

Dr Hartland: I think I have seen answers in the past about whether advice has been provided but, rarely, if the government has not published what the nature of that advice is.

Senator SIEWERT: I missed what you said?

Dr Hartland: We will take it on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: It would be useful to know if you have.

Dr Hartland: I suspect the answer will be that we would not be able to tell you what the actual outcome of the costing would be.

Senator SIEWERT: Okay, but you can tell me whether you have done one—

Dr McCarthy: We can.

Answer:

The Department of Health has not completed costings on extending access to MBS Better Access initiative items to residents of Residential Aged Care Facilities.