

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Health System Policy, Design and Innovation

Topic: Supporting Living Organ Donor program

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

The information on the Supporting Living Organ Donor program indicates that the program will provide “reimbursement for some out of pocket expenses”.

a) what is included in out of pocket expenses? Does this include accommodation and transport? What else?

b) how much is each donor eligible for in out of pocket expenses?

c) are all donors eligible to claim out of pocket expenses?

Answer:

a) From 1 July 2017, the Supporting Living Organ Donors Program (the Program) will be expanded to allow living organ donors to claim reimbursement for some out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of donation. Under the Program, donors can make a claim for the following out-of-pocket expenses:

- Accommodation (Based on reasonable amounts as per *Taxation Determination - TD 2016/13*);
- Economy airfares;
- Public transport including bus, train and taxi fares;
- Car hire;
- Parking; and
- Road tolls.

Other expenses such as meals and childcare cannot be claimed under the Program.

Itemised receipts which correspond with the dates on a medical certificate must be provided to support the amount of reimbursement the donor is seeking.

b) Donors participating in the Program can claim up to \$1,000.00 in out-of-pocket expenses.

c) Both employed and non-employed donors can apply for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, which will enable those donors who are not in employment to now also be supported through the Program.