

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Medicare Freeze

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

When was the last time that Medicare rebates for GPs was indexed?

Answer:

At the time the question was asked, GP services were last indexed on 1 July 2014.

GP bulk-billing incentives will be indexed on 1 July 2017, per the *Guaranteeing Medicare-Medicare Benefits Schedule-indexation* measure announced in the 2017-18 Budget.