

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 specialists were indexed?

Answer:

Medical specialist services (excluding general practice) were last indexed on 1 November 2012.

General practitioners are also medical specialists. GP services were last indexed 1 July 2014.