

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Life Saving Drugs Program

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Is consideration of the outcomes of the LSDP review currently sitting with the Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health? Has the Department of Health and/or the Health Minister put forward a proposal for changing the LSDP to the Department of Finance or Treasury? What has been their response?

Answer:

The release of and response to the Life Saving Drugs Program review report is a matter for government. The government response will reflect a whole-of-government position. While the outcomes of the review are under consideration, the Life Saving Drugs Program is continuing to operate and continuing to provide life-saving medicines for patients who require them.