

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** MBS Review

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

What is the total quantum of savings that the MBS Review has achieved so far? Can you give us a breakdown of those savings by year and item?

**Answer:**

In the 2016-17 Budget, the Government agreed to recommendations from the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce that a number of MBS items were obsolete. This measure was implemented on 1 July 2016 and was estimated to save \$5.1 million from 2016-17 to 2019-20.

Further details can be found on the Department of Health's website at:  
[http://www.health.gov.au/internet/budget/publishing.nsf/Content/4C328B614D3237CECA257FA80010EDD7/\\$File/10\\_FS\\_MBS\\_ObsoleteServices\\_1May\\_PRINT.pdf](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/budget/publishing.nsf/Content/4C328B614D3237CECA257FA80010EDD7/$File/10_FS_MBS_ObsoleteServices_1May_PRINT.pdf)