

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: After Hours Service

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

Can the department provide de-identified information on the type and number of fraud incidents investigated in 2015-16 and the financial year to date relating to urgent after hours services?

Answer:

A number of after-hours service providers have contacted the Department of Health to voluntarily acknowledge incorrect claiming. Audits by the Department have also identified incorrect claiming of these services. For the financial year 2015-16 and the financial year to date, there has been insufficient evidence to warrant any referrals to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions for fraud.