

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: Non-medical Surgical Assistants

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

Regarding Non-medical surgical assistants being unable to claim fees through Medicare: Has the Department done any modelling on the savings to Medicare and/or PHI if a medical assistant fee (Items 51300 and 51303) were paid to NMSAs at the rate of 15% (as in the Queensland WorkCover schedule)?

Answer:

The Department of Health has not done any modelling on the financial impacts of non-medical surgical assistants accessing the Medicare Benefits Schedule.