

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Non-medical Surgical Assistants

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

- a) I understand meetings were held in Canberra in 2015 between the Australian Association of Nurse Surgical Assistants and representatives from the Medicare Benefits Schedule. Have there been additional meetings since then?
- b) Were any outcomes achieved from these meetings?

Answer:

The Department of Health met with the Australian Association of Nurse Surgical Assistants (AANSA) on 12 November 2015. Following the meeting AANSA decided to make a submission to the Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce. The submission was received on 28 November 2015.

The submission is scheduled to be considered by the Taskforce's Principles and Rules Committee this July before consideration by the Taskforce this year.