

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: After Hours GP Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

What is the Government's plan to change after hours MBS items?

Answer:

The Australian Government has made no decisions in relation to urgent after-hours MBS services. The independent, clinician-led MBS Review Taskforce has released draft recommendations on these services for public consultation (open 7 June – closes 21 July 2017). The MBS Review Taskforce will consider stakeholder feedback from this process and provide its final recommendations to Government, which will then consider its response.