

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** Private Health Insurance

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

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

How will the bronze category be determined? Will the government rule out exclusions for obstetrics and mental health?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government has announced it will work with industry participants on reforms to simplify private health insurance products for consumers. The Private Health Ministerial Advisory Committee has been established to provide the Minister for Health with advice on reform options, including product design reforms.

The Government has not reached a decision on the possible configuration of a bronze product or coverage arrangements for obstetrics and mental health.