

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017**

**Ref No:** SQ17-001046

**OUTCOME:** 5 - Regulation, Safety and Protection

**Topic:** Medicinal Cannabis

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

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

- a) How many calls have been received on the 1800 number for doctors?
- b) From how many doctors?
- c) Which specialties?

**Answer:**

- a) There have been a total of 54 calls received on the 1800 number for medicinal cannabis.
- b) Enquiries are not just received from doctors but also from other health care professionals, sponsors and carers/patients. The Department of Health does not have information on the split between categories.
- c) The Therapeutic Goods Administration does not routinely record personal details of those who call to enquire about medicinal cannabis.