

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-089

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: GENERIC MEDICINES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) Is the Minister/Government aware that more than 50 per cent of generic medicines cost less than the co-payment?
- b) Is it for political expediency that the Minister continues to ignore the fact that the major suppliers of generic medicines in Australia are members of the Generic Medicines Industry Association?

Answer:

a and b)

Please see response to Question E10-011.