

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 19 October 2011

Question: E11-014

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: RECIPROCAL HEALTH CARE AGREEMENT

Written Question on Notice

Senator Cash asked:

On what basis, under the Australia/UK reciprocal health care agreement, are 457 visa holders who come from RHCA countries eligible for reciprocal Medicare benefits?

Answer:

Temporary visa holders, including 457 visa holders, are eligible for Medicare where they are normally resident of a country with which Australia has a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) (excluding students from Norway, Finland, Malta and the Republic of Ireland).