

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-130

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPIES

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

I asked earlier about the take-up rate on the nicotine replacement therapies on the PBS. Given the time, I will be happy if you can just provide me with some information on that on notice.

Answer:

Nicotine replacement therapies (Nicotinell Step 1[®], Nicabate P[®], and Nicorette Patch[®]) were listed as general benefits on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme on 1 February 2011. As at 30 September 2011, 179,424 prescriptions for nicotine replacement therapies have been processed, assisting 111,145 patients.