

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 9: Private Health

Topic: PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Do you have the figures for the number of people with private health insurance who fall within the thresholds affected by the rebate changes?

Answer:

It is estimated that 2.45 million people are covered by private health insurance policies where the policy holder will receive a lower rebate or no rebate after the changes. This comprises:

- 670,000 singles;
- 520,000 couples (1.05 million people); and
- 730,000 dependents.