

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-174

OUTCOME 9: Private Health Insurance

Topic: PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How many people who earn under the threshold for the Medicare levy surcharge have private health insurance? Do you have that statistic?

Answer:

The following has been supplied by the Department of Treasury.

The number of individuals with incomes under the Medicare levy surcharge income threshold and with private health insurance is unknown as many individuals with private health insurance who have low incomes are not required to lodge tax returns.