

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-188

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME SAVINGS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

The Report to Parliament on the Impact of PBS Reform, noted that the anticipated savings from PBS reform had been revised down from \$580 million to \$103 million (over four years).

- a) Have these savings been realised?
- b) Please provide the total savings generated by the 2007 PBS reforms to date and by year.

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) Although enacted in 2007, the 2007 Reforms did not come into effect until 2008-09:

2007 Reforms Package	2007-08 (\$ million)	2008-09 (\$ million)	2009-10 (\$ million)	2010-11 (\$ million)	2011-12 (\$ million)
Saving	nil	nil	2	156.5	n/a