

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-190

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PBS SAVINGS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

Since the commencement of the MOU, please provide details of any instances of sponsors offering a greater price cut than the 16 per cent.

If so, did the government accept the offer? If not, please provide an explanation.

Answer:

Since the commencement of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Government has not been offered a greater price reduction than 16 per cent on any occasion where a 16 per cent statutory price reduction was triggered under Division 3A of the *National Health Act 1953*.