

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-191

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PREMIUM FREE BRAND

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

- a) To date, what is the total government expenditure by year on the \$1.53 incentive (clause 21) for the dispensing of a premium free brand.
- b) Please provide a year by year breakdown from 2007.

Answer:

- a) As at 31 October 2011, total expenditure under the Premium Free Dispensing Incentive (the Incentive) was \$414.4 million.
- b) The Incentive commenced on 1 August 2008. Expenditure per financial year since 1 August 2008 is outlined in the table below:

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
\$102,391,838	\$128,162,341	\$135,980,633	\$47,879,431	\$414,414,242