

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19-21 October 2011

Question: E11-248

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MSAC APPLICATIONS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Xenophon asked:

- a) How many applications has MSAC received in relation to implantable devices with remote monitoring capabilities (eg pacemakers)?
- b) How many have been rejected?

Answer:

- a) The Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) has received two (2) applications for services associated with implantable devices with remote monitoring capability. MSAC appraisal of application 1111 was completed in 2008 and MSAC has received one application 1197 in 2011 that is under consideration for eligibility for appraisal by MSAC.
- b) One. MSAC did not support funding for application 1111- Remote Monitoring Systems for Patients with an Implanted Cardiac Device. The full report provided to assist MSAC's deliberations is available on [www.msac.gov.au](http://www.msac.gov.au)