

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-344

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PHARMACEUTICALS AND PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) How much will the PBS cost according to the Forward Estimates?
- b) Do those figures take into account the full impact of the price cuts and price disclosure arrangements agreed in the 2010 Memorandum of Understanding with Medicines Australia?

Answer:

- a) Forecasted Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) expenditure is provided in the Portfolio Budget Statements and the actual expenditure is provided in the Department of Health and Ageing's Annual Report. The figures provided in the table below update PBS expenditure projections in the 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statements with the PBS forward estimates variations agreed as part of the recent Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

Program expenses 2.2: Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Services

	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Budget \$'000	2012-13 Forward year 1 \$'000	2013-14 Forward year 2 \$'000	2014-15 Forward year 3 \$'000
Administered expenses Ordinary annual services	192,870	186,235	189,958	193,755	197,628
Special appropriations National Health Act 1953 – Pharmaceutical Benefits	8,774,856	9,416,152	9,764,193	10,438,282	11,146,238
Program support	36,419	34,117	33,114	32,388	30,687
Total Program Expenses	9,004,145	9, 636,504	9,987,265	10,664,425	11,374,553

- b) Yes.