

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-350

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PHARMACEUTICALS AND PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Is the Department aware of any new medicines costing over \$50 million that are anticipated to seek PBS listing in the next year?
- b) Will the government require further review of these medicines or any other major new medicines recommended for listing on the PBS by the PBAC over the next year?

Answer:

a) and b)

Submissions are only lodged four months in advance of consideration by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC). The content of submissions lodged for consideration by the PBAC in March 2012 are commercial-in-confidence.