

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 21 October 2015

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OUTCOME: 2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PBS Prescriptions

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Can the Department provide the committee with the number of GP prescriptions issued in 2013/14 and 2014/15 for all medications?

Answer:

Please note data on the number of prescriptions written by GPs is not collected.

Please see below for Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) prescriptions dispensed (date of processing) in 2013-14 and 2014-15. Under co-payment PBS prescriptions are included.

2013-14	257,584,450
2014-15	260,101,471