

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

**Topic:** Medicare Safety Net

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Can the department provide any modelling on the predicted impact of the changes to the Medicare Safety net to IVF patients. In particular on what impact this will have on multiple births, and the number of IVF cycles per patient.

**Answer:**

Information on the new Medicare safety net can be found in the Department of Health's submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Inquiry of the *Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015*. Specific details regarding IVF can be found on page 23.