

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016**

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**Senator:** Smith, Dean

**Question:**

Senator SMITH: I was asking you to verify the accuracy of this statement by Tanya Plibersek—'Doctors earn enough money to bear the federal government's controversial freeze on MBS rebates'—which she made on 22 May 2013. It is in Australian Doctor. You can make sure that I have quoted it accurately, Mr Stuart?

Mr Bowles: We will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Australian Doctor article of 22 May 2013 can be found at:

<http://www.australiandoctor.com.au/news/latest-news/doctors-can-afford-rebate-freeze-says-plibersek>