

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** Pathology Rents

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**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Senator POLLEY: Has the Department of Health or the Department of Human Services taken any reinforcement action for alleged breach of the Health Insurance Act with respect to the rents for co-located collection centres?

Mr Bowles: We would have to take that on notice in relation to the Department of Health and you will have to ask the Department of Human Services.

Senator POLLEY: Please take it on notice. Are we likely to get that today?

Mr Bowles: I doubt it.

**Answer:**

The Department of Health has not taken action in relation to any possible breach of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* with respect to the rents for approved collection centres, since the compliance function transferred to the Department of Health in November 2015.