

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016

Ref No: SQ16-000471

OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Excessive Surgeons' Fees - Out-of-Pocket

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

Surgeons and other medical proceduralists are free to charge what they consider to be reasonable in terms of fees. Has consideration been given to other ways of addressing excessive out-of-pocket expenses for patients, including better disclosure requirements?

Answer:

As outlined in the question and the response to Question on Notice SQ16-000477, the Commonwealth cannot determine fees charged by surgeons and other medical proceduralists.