

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: Excessive Surgeons' Fees - Out-of-Pocket

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

Is the Minister aware of discussion papers published jointly by Medibank Private and the Royal Australian College of Surgeons which demonstrate that there is no correlation between experience or quality of services provided and the out-of-pocket gaps charged by surgeons and other medical proceduralists?

Answer:

The Department of Health is aware of the discussion papers. The Department cannot comment on the Minister's knowledge of any discussion papers.