

**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:** Prostheses List

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Griff, Stirling

**Question:**

Please provide details of any research undertaken by the Department comparing prices charged for medical devices (on the Prostheses List) in private hospitals vs public hospitals and overseas countries.

**Answer:**

The Industry Working Group on Private Health Insurance Prostheses Reform (IWG), through its Chair, Emeritus Professor Lloyd Sansom AO, invited medical device sponsors and state and territory health departments to provide information on pricing of prostheses in the public and private sectors.

The Department has reviewed benefits of some devices listed on the Prostheses List in comparison with:

- Information provided in confidence from a number of state and territory governments and medical device sponsors in response to the invitation from the IWG;
- Information provided in confidence from medical device sponsors in bilateral consultations; and
- Information available on publicly available websites.