

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: Medicare Safety Nets

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Where exactly will the savings from the Government's 2014 Budget measure Simplifying Medicare safety net arrangements come from? Please provide a detailed breakdown of the services and patients affected.

Answer:

The Department of Health provided a detailed submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee for the Inquiry into the *Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015* which provides information on the savings, the impact on services and patients. The submission can be accessed at this link:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/Safety_Net/Submissions