

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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

**Ref No:** SQ16-000716

**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** PBS Co-payment Measure

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

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

When do the budget papers assume that the Government's 2014 Budget measure Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme — increase in co- payments and safety net thresholds will take effect?

**Answer:**

The 2016-17 Health Portfolio Budget Statements reflect a financial position based on an implementation date of 1 January 2017.