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Topic: Subsidy payments started

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Senator DASTYARI: So you signed off on who does and does not get it. Minister, on the subsidy scheme itself, I thought the register was around but the subsidies were not available until 1 July. But that is not the case—subsidies were available from September 2015?

Mr Morrow: The scheme went into effect in September 2015. When the actual subsidies started paying—I am happy to take that on notice and come back with it.

Answer:

Subsidies were available to be paid from 1 September 2015. Following the commencement of the Scheme, monitored medical alarm providers took some time to apply to participate, understand and meet the program requirements, and exchange data with the program. The first subsidy payment was made on 29 October 2015.