

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: BET 541**

**Topic: PBS**

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**Senator: Dastyari, Sam**

**Question:**

"Senator DASTYARI: This may be a figure you do not have access to, Mr Heferen—I have been given a figure of somewhere in the vicinity of \$3 billion for what the pharmaceutical companies are paid through PBS benefits. Is that a figure you can confirm?"

Mr Heferen: Hopefully someone watching this will bring it along this afternoon."

**Answer:**

Statistics on the top 20 pharmaceutical manufacturers in relation to PBS revenue each year is available in Table 14(a) of the *Expenditure and Prescriptions* report:

<http://pbs.gov.au/info/statistics/expenditure-and-prescriptions-30-06-2014>.