

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

2017 - 2018

Division/Agency: Social Policy Division

Question No: 281

Topic: MBS Indexation Freeze

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

Can you confirm when indexation of Medicare Benefits Schedule fees was to recommence as per the 2013-14 Budget measure “Medicare Benefits Schedule – realigning indexation with the financial year”?

Answer:

In the 2013-14 Budget the then Government announced that it would realign the indexation of Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) fees to the financial year. The Budget measure description noted that the next indexation date would be 1 July 2014.