

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

Finance Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1

**Topic:** Health measure

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

Can you provide a breakdown of all the elements included in the Pausing indexation of some Medicare Benefits Schedule fees and the Medicare Levy Surcharge and Private Health Insurance Rebate thresholds measure over the forward estimates?

**Answer:**

A breakdown between the two components of the 2014-15 Budget measure *Pausing indexation of some Medicare Benefits Schedule fees and the Medicare Levy Surcharge and Private Health Insurance Rebate thresholds* is included in the table below.

|   | <b>Fiscal (\$m)</b> |                |                |                |                |              |
|---|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | <b>2013-14</b>      | <b>2014-15</b> | <b>2015-16</b> | <b>2016-17</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Pausing indexation of some Medicare Benefits Schedule fees  | ..                  | 142.1          | 295.7          | 307.6          | 330.7          | 1,076.0      |
| Pausing indexation of the Medicare Levy Surcharge and Private Health Insurance Rebate income thresholds | 0.0                 | -0.4           | 98.8           | 196.4          | 304.1          | 598.9        |
| <b>Total</b>  | ..                  | 141.6          | 394.5          | 503.9          | 634.8          | 1,674.9      |

*Discrepancies in some totals are due to rounding.*

*.. Not zero but rounded to zero.*