

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

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Topic: Spending on pharmaceuticals

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Ms Huxtable: So in the case of that health figure, as the Secretary pointed out, the majority of the change related to the pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical services function. We can provide more detail on the actual breakdowns.

Senator LUDWIG: Perhaps you could take it on notice and provide the variations...

Answer:

Cash payments were \$362.4 million lower in the 2013-14 Final Budget Outcome than was estimated in the 2014-15 Budget due to underspends of \$244.3 million for the Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Services programme, \$62.0 million for the Workforce and Rural Distribution programme and \$56.1 million for the Mental Health programme.