

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 21 October 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Funding for Aboriginal Health Services

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Dodson, Patrick

**Question:**

- a) What is the estimated impact of the MBS freeze on the incomes of Aboriginal primary health care services?
- b) Are there any plans to compensate for these cuts, especially in terms of cuts through the MBS indexation freeze?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health has not separately estimated the impact of the indexation pause on Aboriginal primary health care services. It is important to note that the Australian Government provides a range of funding to Aboriginal primary health care services outside the MBS. These funding sources are not affected by the indexation pause.