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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question No: BET 242

Topic: Treasury Modelling on Private Health Insurance Rebate

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In estimates (Community Affairs, 31 May, p.80-81) it appears that Treasury is undertaking modelling in relation to changes to the private health insurance rebate. In relation to the same, please advise:

What assumptions the modelling is premised on;

What advice or instruction, if any, has Treasury received from DOHA or any other department in relation to the same?

Answer:

Treasury was involved along with the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) in developing the original modelling for the 2009-10 Budget measure *Private health insurance – fair and sustainable support for the future* in relation to the private health insurance rebate. The modelling was based on a range of data and assumptions. Updates of the modelling have been undertaken by DoHA in consultation with the Department of Finance and Deregulation and Treasury.