

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Medibank Private Limited

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Outcome 2, Program 2.1

Topic: Change to Medicare levy surcharge threshold

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Senator Ryan asked:

When did the change to the Medicare levy surcharge threshold kick in—the increase from \$50,000 to just over \$70,000?

Mr Savvides—I will have to take the specific date on notice

Answer:

On 16 October 2008, legislation was passed through Parliament lifting the Medicare Levy Surcharge income thresholds for single people from \$50,000 to \$70,000 per year and from \$100,000 to \$140,000 per year for couples/families for the 2008-09 tax year. Under a transitional provision, people earning above the new income thresholds were not subject to the Medicare Levy Surcharge if they took out health insurance before 1 January 2009 and maintained their insurance for the remainder of 2008-09.