

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance and Deregulation

**Outcome/Program:** 1/ 1.1

**Topic:** Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2011

**Senator:** Boyce

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**Question:**

- a) In relation to the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2011 will the proposed savings contribute to consolidated revenue or has that funding been designated for another purpose?
- b) If for another purpose, please specify details – what is it, when was it announced, how much of the saving is to be allocated to that purpose?

**Answer:**

The savings from the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2011 will contribute to the consolidated revenue fund, which is used to finance general Government priorities. Total Australian Government health expenses are expected to increase from \$61 billion in 2011-12 to \$71 billion in 2015-16.