Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Medibank Private

Outcome/Program: General Topic: Medibank cash reserves

Senator: Cormann

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Question:

Senator CORMANN: Before you have nominated for us what the dollar value of your

capital reserves above—

Senator Wong: No, I don't think so.

Mr Savvides: I actually do not know what it is. I can take it on notice. But I am not sure

whether we would like to reveal that, because it is a sensitive area around competition.

Answer:

Medibank's 2012 Annual Report reports the Solvency Reserve of the health benefits fund of Medibank Private at 30 June 2012 is \$742,430,000. The Board defined capital buffer above this is confidential and disclosing it would be prejudicial to Medibank's commercial interests.