

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Skin Cancer Items in the context of PHI

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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Ms Jolly: Senator, as you have indicated there was a change to a range of skin service items. There was a consolidation of 57 items and a new schedule put in place. There have been conversations with a range of people who have come forward to the department and asked questions about the relationship to private health. I do not have those particular details with me, but I am aware of some of those discussions.

Senator WATT: You are aware of some of those discussions. Who has provided representations on those issues?

Ms Jolly: I do not have that detail with me but I am happy to take that on notice.

Senator WATT: Thank you.

Answer:

As at 1 March 2017, the Department of Health and the Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, had received representations on these issues from two Members of Parliament, two Senators, four medical representative groups, two consumer advocacy groups, two private hospital representative groups, four private medical businesses, one media correspondent and twelve members of the public.

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