

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Senator DI NATALE: The other thing is—and I do not expect you to confirm this—given the recent comments from the Prime Minister and the new health minister and the stakeholders involved that we look to be moving towards an end to that freeze possibly in the budget, can you give a commitment that the savings will not be sought from within Health? I am asking you, Minister.

Senator Nash: It is a bit difficult I think to ask me the questions. I am very happy to take some of this on notice for you for the minister, but I certainly can only do that for you.

**Answer:**

Any decision on savings and their application is a matter for Government.