

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** National Cancer Screening Register

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

Has the contract with Telstra been amended as a result of the delay? Has the amount paid to Telstra under this contract been amended in any way?

**Answer:**

The Department is currently in close consultation with Telstra Health to address the delay, and ensure that the new delivery date of 1 December for the National Cancer Screening Register will be met to support the renewal of cervical screening. The Department will enter into contract negotiations to vary the Services Agreement as necessary and address any delay provisions. The only amounts paid to Telstra to date relate to contract deliverables that have been met.