

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: MBS Review

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

- a) How many recommendations has the Taskforce made to Government since the Review commenced?
- b) How many of these recommendations have been accepted and enacted?
- c) What has been the total savings of these enacted recommendations?

Answer:

a) to c)

The Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce (the Taskforce) have released nine reports for public consultation.

The Taskforce has made recommendations to Government relating to six committee reports.

In the 2016-17 Budget, the Government agreed to recommendations from the MBS Review Taskforce that a number of MBS items were obsolete. This measure was implemented on 1 July 2016 and was estimated to save \$5.1 million from 2016-17 to 2019-20.