

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:

Please outline what funding allocation exists for the continuation of the Taskforce.

Answer:

The Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review is funded from the 2015–16 Budget measure, the Medicare Benefits Schedule - Review and reform. The measure provided \$34.3 million over two years from 2015–16 to continue the Medical Services Advisory Committee's activities and deliver an expanded process of MBS Review overseen by a clinician-led MBS Review Taskforce (the allocation was not formally split between the two activities).