

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 - 2 June 2015

Ref No: SQ15-000326

OUTCOME: 2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Inborn Error of Metabolism

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Can DoH provide a cost benefit analysis supporting the IEM funding cut, showing both the savings associated with the removal of the grant and the costs of the decision, including lost productivity of patients due to poor mental health outcomes, costs the health budgets of increased usage of mental health services and increased hospitalisations, the lost productivity from society of individuals making their own low protein food (such as pasta using corn flour as the Prime Minister suggested) to replace those things current sourced via the grant funding?

Answer:

Please see response provided to Question on Notice SQ15-000320.