

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: Medicare Benefits Schedule Review

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Senator McLUCAS: So MSAC is in there too.

Mr Porter: That is correct.

Mr Bowles: It is an important part of this exercise.

Senator McLUCAS: How much then is the Medical Services Advisory Committee?

Mr Porter: Of that particular bucket?

Senator McLUCAS: Yes.

Mr Porter: I would have to take that on notice

Answer:

The administered funds allocated in the 2015-16 Budget for the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review and Reform – Medicare Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) and Reviews (which includes the MBS Review Taskforce and also the ongoing work of the MSAC) is:

2015-16	\$14.2 million
2016-17	\$14.4 million

The allocation of funds between the MBS Review Taskforce and the work conducted under the auspices of MSAC for 2015-16 is:

MBS Reviews	\$7.2 Million
MSAC	\$7.0 Million