

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 - 2 June 2015

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OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: Medicare Benefits Schedule Pause

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

What is the forecast saving in 2015-16, and over the forward estimates, of the freeze on MBS rebates for general practice, and in total

Answer:

The table shows the administered saving for the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) indexation pause as announced as part of the *A Strong and Sustainable Medicare* MYEFO measure.

	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
Indexation pause(GP until 1/7/2018)	123.5	275.0	439.0	837.5