

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

Senator XENOPHON: We pay a lot more for these medical devices than other comparable nations. Is that right? Can you take that on notice? Mr Bowles: Yes, I do believe that to be the case in certain sectors, not in toto. The private and the public sectors are different in this respect.

Senator XENOPHON: Right, but in the private sector we pay a lot more than comparable nations, correct?

Answer:

There are examples of medical devices that are not aligned with public or international system pricing.