

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Approval for Aboriginal Health Service to supply PBS

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Senator: Senator Siewert

Question:

What actions would need to be taken for an AHS being able to obtain an Approval to Supply PBS medicines to its clients using a Section 94 Approval – normally restricted to hospitals?

Answer:

For an Aboriginal Health Service to be considered for an Approval to Supply PBS medicines to its clients using a Section 94 Approval under the *National Health Act 1953*, the AHS would need to be declared as a hospital by the Minister of Health and Ageing, under Section 121-5(6) of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*.