

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: HEPATITIS C

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Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

- a) At the July 2012 Pharmaceuticals Benefits Advisory Council Meeting, two new treatments for Hepatitis C were recommended by the Pharmaceuticals Benefits Advisory Council for listing on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. Does the Department believe that these types of new medications can help ensure hepatitis C sufferers get greater access to new treatments as envisaged by the National Hepatitis C Strategy?
- b) Does the Department agree that it makes sense to have new medications like these made available to patients sooner rather than later? When will they be available?

Answer:

These questions ask for an opinion which the Department does not provide.