

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: EXTENDED MEDICARE SAFETY NET

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

What are the current projections of expenditure of the safety net for each year across the forward estimates? And how does this compare historically?

Answer:

Actual Extended Medicare Safety Net (EMSN) expenditure in 2010-11 was \$341.6 million.

The following table provides the forecast EMSN expenditure (2011-12 to 2015-16)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Forecasted EMSN expenditure (\$ m)	\$384.1	\$421.9	\$454.5	\$497.9	\$541.0
% growth	+12%	+10%	+8%	+10%	+9%

Notes:

Actual EMSN expenditure is based on the date the claim was processed therefore may not be comparable to other sources which report expenditure based on when the service took place.