

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: MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI)

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

When will the Medicare licence be granted to the MRI Machine at Campbelltown Hospital, and how much would this cost per year?

Answer:

On 5 November 2012, the 12 successful applicants to gain Medicare eligibility under Invitation to Apply 309/1112 were announced. This includes the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit operated by South Western Sydney local health district at Campbelltown Hospital, New South Wales.

The average cost per MRI unit for 2011-12 was approximately \$1.8 million dollars.