

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-331

OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: PREMIUM FREE DISPENSING INCENTIVE

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Well

Question:

What is the most recent projection of expenditure on the incentive over the forward estimates?

Answer:

The Premium Free Dispensing Initiative (PFDI) is one component of the remuneration arrangements under the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement (5CPA). Approved suppliers are provided with incentives to increase consumer awareness, so that consumers can, if they wish, exercise their right to choose (a premium free brand of the prescribed medicine available). The forecasts for PFDI coincide with the period of the 5CPA from July 2010 to June 2015.

| | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | Total |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Forecast Expenditure | \$140.2m | \$153.4m | \$167.8m | \$183.4m | \$201.0m | \$845.8m |