

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 17 & 19 October 2012**

**Question: E12-332**

**OUTCOME 2: Access to Pharmaceutical Services**

**Topic: High Cost Drug Listings**

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**Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells**

**Question:**

Based on past experience, how many medicines costing over \$10 million do you expect to be recommended by the PBAC over the forward estimates.

**Answer:**

The Australian Government does not control applications from sponsors for Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listings. Additionally, sponsors cannot be compelled to apply for PBS listings, including high cost medicines.

The number of applications for PBS listings received every year by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee varies.