

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

**Topic:** Medicare Benefits Schedule Items

**Type of Question:** Hansard Page 059, 22 October 2014

**Senator:** Reynolds, Linda

**Question:**

Senator REYNOLDS: If you could take that on notice and if someone could come back either today or later on notice that is fine. I would like to ask you a question in relation to the MBS. Have additional services been added to the MBS in the last 12 months—added or expanded?

Dr BARTLETT: There is a standard process we go through that involves the addition of new items to the MBS as a result of MSAC recommendations. I know that there have been some added in the last 12 months but I would have to take that on notice and come back to you with a comprehensive list of what was there.

Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you. If you could advise of additions, increases or substantial changes that would be great, thank you.

**Answer:**

Month	New Items
Nov 2013	12 Items - 63551, 63552, 63554, 63555, 63557, 63558, 63560, 63561, 63584, 63585, 63586, 63587
Dec 2013	1 Item - 73336
Jan 2014	1 Item - 73337
Mar 2014	1 Item - 18377
Apr 2014	1 Item - 73338
Jul 2014	8 Items - 31519, 31525, 38273, 38274, 55065, 55067, 55068, 55069
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

Month	Deleted Items
Aug 2014	15 Items - 31518, 31521, 31527, 42621, 42659, 42737, 42797, 55020, 55022, 55045, 55044, 55731, 55732, 55733, 55734
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Month</b>	<b>Amended Items</b>
Jan 2014	44 Items - 4001, 13215, 13218, 13506, 20791, 20900, 20940, 30084, 31539, 31542, 31545, 34527, 34528, 34530, 35518, 35614, 37217, 41884, 48660, 48663, 48666, 48669, 48672, 48675, 48684, 48691, 48692, 48693, 55735, 55736, 55737, 55739, 63457, 63458, 63464, 63467, 73059, 73060, 73061, 73064, 73065, 81000, 81005, 81010
Mar 2014	6 Items - 11820, 11823, 30680, 30682, 30684, 30686
Jul 2014	23 Items - 701, 703, 705, 707, 31524, 38365, 38368, 38371, 38654, 38751, 42653, 42744, 42794, 42808, 45585, 55014, 55017, 55036, 55038, 55063, 55064, 55084, 55085
Aug 2014	1 Item - 14124
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>

Reference: extraction from Medicare Automated Schedule System (MASS), Medicare Financing and Listing Branch, Medical Benefits Division, Department of Health