

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: Co-payment

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Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

Senator XENOPHON: What systems would be in place to monitor when a concessional patient reached their 10 visits?

Dr Bartlett: DHS is developing a system that essentially makes that information available to—

Senator XENOPHON: How close are we to that being developed—to the software being up and running?

Dr Bartlett: As I understand it they are developing it. I think you would actually have to ask them to give a specific update as to where things are at the moment. I have not talked to them about it.

Senator XENOPHON: I am happy if you could take that on notice.

Answer:

On 9 December 2014, the Government announced that the \$7 Medicare co-payment measure announced in the 2014-15 Budget will no longer proceed.