

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: Medibank Private Trial

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Is the department aware of the Medibank Private care trials involving Victoria and Western Australia? What is your knowledge of the way GPs, practice nurses and others who are involved in the programme are remunerated? What is the impact on the MBS?

Answer:

The Department of Health is aware of these trials. Eligible medical services provided to patients are funded by the Medicare Benefits Schedule. Remuneration for other services is a commercial matter for the organisation.