

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Senator McLUCAS: When were the insurance increases announced?

Dr Bartlett: 23 December, if I recollect.

Senator McLUCAS: It was a couple of weeks, wasn't it? How long was the previous one the previous year? My recollection is some months—maybe three months.

Dr Bartlett: The previous year, from memory, the increases were announced on 6 or 7 February.

Senator McLUCAS: I thought it was March.

Dr Bartlett: No, I think it was February.

Senator McLUCAS: You are probably better informed than me.

Dr Bartlett: I will check that, but I am pretty sure it was early February.

**Answer:**

The 2013 private health insurance increases were announced by the former Minister for Health, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, on 8 February 2013.