

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee Chair

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Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

At what point in time, whether it was before or after the Minister had made the decision, or government had made a decision, to fund the listing, when PBAC chairs make statements on particular drugs.

Answer:

On occasion, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) Chair may need to publicly explain the Committee's recommendations especially when inappropriate or misleading comments are made about a PBAC recommendation or about the PBAC process.