

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: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Reviews

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Which reviews are on-going?

- a) Please list them.
- b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?

Answer:

- a) As of 22 October 2014, four reviews are ongoing:
 - The Review of the Australian Government Rebate of Private Health Insurance for Natural Therapies;
 - The Tackling Indigenous Smoking Programme Review;
 - The Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation; and
 - The National Review of Mental Health Services and Programmes.
- b) Expenditure to date on these reviews is as follows:
 - Review of the Australian Government Rebate of Private Health Insurance for Natural Therapies – \$870,702.51(GST exclusive);
 - Tackling Indigenous Smoking Programme Review – \$52,587.00 (GST inclusive);
 - Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation (as at 30 October 2014, excluding secretariat salaries) – \$9,806 (GST exclusive); and
 - National Review of Mental Health Services and Programmes (for the reporting period 2 June to 22 October 2014) – \$1.17 million (GST exclusive).