

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Private Health

Topic: Maternity

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Reynolds, Linda

Question:

Is there an economic argument to increase Medicare rebates for private maternity care, especially if cost savings can be demonstrated?

Answer:

The Department of Health is unaware of any economic argument or evidence that increasing Medicare rebates for private maternity care will result in cost savings.