

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 – Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Outsourcing of Payment Systems

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Will the market testing exercise for the commercial provision of the DHS Medicare, PBS and Veteran's Affairs payment systems be subject to any parliamentary scrutiny?

Answer:

This is a market testing exercise only, to determine whether there are providers that might be interested in, and have the capacity to, provide health payment services. It is not a Request for Tender process. Any decision regarding possible future steps is a matter for Government.