

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014**

**Ref No:** SQ14-001315

**OUTCOME:** 2 – Access to Pharmaceutical Services

**Topic:** Outsourcing of Payment Systems

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Has the department been involved in any decision making process to determine why the DHS Medicare, PBS and Veteran's Affairs payment systems should be outsourced? Provide details.

**Answer:**

The Department of Health is currently running an Expression of Interest process to determine whether there are commercial operators that might be interested in, and have the capacity to, provide health payment services.