

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014

Ref No: SQ14-001383

OUTCOME: 2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Access to Cancer Medicines

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Carr, Kim

Question:

- a) What is the Government doing to improve access to medicines for patients with rare and less common cancers?
- b) Is the Government considering a mechanism whereby cancer patients, including those with rare and less common cancers can, at the request of their physician, quickly access treatments that are already listed on the PBS for other cancers?

Answer:

- a) Please refer to the response provided to Question on Notice SQ14-001379.
- b) The Australian Government is committed to ensuring Australians get quicker access to medicines, no matter what their condition.