

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

Senator CAMERON: Has the new Minister had any discussions with you about the implications of this business plot, if it is successful, to take over Medicare?

Ms Campbell: I have briefed the Minister for Human Services on the market testing of the Medicare payments system.

Senator CAMERON: When was that done?

Ms Campbell: Sometime in the last month; we can have a look at the exact dates.

Senator CAMERON: Was Minister Payne briefed when she was the Minister?

Ms Campbell: I will have to look for the actual dates and the like.

Mr Sandison: Yes; there was a briefing done, because this was from the previous budget. The initiative was announced and talked about in 2014 and a briefing was done in association with that then.

Answer:

The former Minister for Human Services, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, was briefed on 10 June 2014, 6 August 2014, 13 August 2014 and 2 November 2014.

The current Minister for Human Services, the Hon Stuart Robert MP, was briefed on 20 October 2015.