

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Question:

What number of people will have higher out-of-pocket costs for radiation oncology services following introduction of new Medicare safety net arrangements from 1 January 2016?

Answer:

Information on the new Medicare safety net can be found in the Department of Health's submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Inquiry of the *Health Insurance Amendment (Safety Net) Bill 2015*. Specific details regarding radiation oncology can be found at pages 20 – 21.