

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** Pathology Rents

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**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Senator POLLEY: Was the department concerned that the policy was going to allow landlords to drive up rents? One would assume that must have been foremost in your mind if you communicated that to the minister's office.

Mr Stuart: I am sorry, I cannot confirm that particular communication. I do not have that in front of me. I am not aware of it.

Senator POLLEY: Can you take it on notice for us?

Mr Stuart: I do not have it so I cannot take it on notice.

Senator POLLEY: Are you saying there was no communication from the department?

Mr Bowles : We can take it on notice and check if there has been anything. We are just not aware of it. We can take on notice if there is a so-called piece of information.

**Answer:**

The Department was asked to fact check material throughout the caretaker period in relation to pathology approved collection centres.