

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

Can the Department provide a breakdown of all the elements included in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – increase in co-payments and safety net thresholds measure, year-by-year over the forward estimates (i.e. a breakdown between the co-payment increase, and the safety net thresholds increase)?

Answer:

The year-by-year impact of the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme – increase in co-payments and safety net threshold* measure over the forward estimates is outlined on page 140 of 2014-15 Budget Paper No.2. The copayment and safety net threshold elements are interdependent and were costed as a package.