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Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: I just wondered about the status of some measures previously outlined in previous budgets and midyear forecasts. Can someone give me an update on the status of the 2012-13 MYEFO measure: private health insurance rebate—indexing the government's contribution.

Senator Cormann: This is a 2012-13 MYEFO measure so that is a Gillard government measure.

Senator McALLISTER: That is correct.

Senator Cormann: We will have to take that on notice. I do not have visibility of some of this.

Senator GALLAGHER: The revenue that came from that is still in the budget

Senator McALLISTER: It was implemented, I think.

Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, it was.

Senator Cormann: We will take it on notice.

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Senator McALLISTER: What about the 2012-13 MYEFO measure: private health insurance rebate—removal of rebate on lifetime health cover loading?

Senator Cormann: I will take that on notice.

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Senator McALLISTER: What about the 2012-13 MYEFO measure: fringe benefits tax—removal of concessional treatment of in-house fringe benefits if accessed through a salary sacrifice arrangement?

Senator Cormann: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

Status of the 2012-13 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) measures outlined in the question above is as follows:

- *Private Health Insurance Rebate – indexing the Government contribution*

Status: Implemented. The measure indicated that the savings were to be redirected to partially offset the cost of the Dental Health Reform package announced on 29 August 2012 (page 237 of the 2012-13 MYEFO refers).

- *Private Health Insurance Rebate — removal of rebate on lifetime health cover loading*

Status: Implemented. The measure indicated that the savings were to be redirected to partially offset the cost of the Dental Health Reform package announced on 29 August 2012 (page 237 of the 2012-13 MYEFO refers).

- *Fringe benefits tax — removal of concessional treatment of ‘in-house’ fringe benefits if accessed through a salary sacrifice arrangement*

Status: Implemented. The measure was estimated to have a gain to the Commonwealth revenue partially offset through an increase in GST payments to the States and Territories (page 170 of the 2012-13 MYEFO refers).