

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
OUTCOME/OUTPUT: Outcome 1, Output 1.2
TOPIC: DISTRIBUTION COSTS FOR INDUSTRY SECTORS
REFERENCE: HANSARD 16/02/05, PAGES E79-80

QUESTION No.30
(Hansard 16/02/05, pp.E79-80)

Senator Campbell asked about:

Does the Department have data on the costs of distribution in industries other than the pharmaceuticals industry? If so, how do these costs compare with the pharmaceuticals industry, in which 30% of the Pharmaceuticals Benefits Scheme is spent on wholesalers and pharmacies?

ANSWER

The Department does not have data on, and has not carried out analysis of, the costs of distribution of products in other (non-pharmaceuticals) industries.