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Senator Cormann asked:

Senator CORMANN—I am sure that you will have to take it on notice, based on your capacity to provide answers so far, but can you please also provide us with information on what your assumption is in terms of average private health insurance premiums, paid by dollars, that you expect to leave private health insurance? Are you able to take that on notice or are you able to answer that today?

Mr Ray—Those averages were calculated by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Senator CORMANN—So you do not know them?

Mr Ray—I am quite happy to take it on notice and ask them, or alternatively you—

Senator CORMANN—Thank you very much...

Answer:

Further information concerning the assumptions related to average private health insurance premiums for the modelling of the Medicare levy surcharge changes is not publicly available.