

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Human Services and agencies**

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**Question: HS59**

**Outcome 1, Output #**

**Topic: Medicare Australia - Dr Suman Sood**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Written**

**SENATOR BARNETT** asked on 14/2/2006:

1. Was a Medicare benefit paid to Dr Suman Sood for the procured abortion allegedly performed by her in May 2002 on a 20 year old woman who was 22 weeks pregnant and for which she has been committed to stand trial for manslaughter and for administering a drug with intent to procure a miscarriage?
2. If a Medicare benefit was paid to Dr Sood for this abortion what attempts, if any, will be made to recover the benefit if Dr Sood is convicted of the offences with which she has been charged in connection with this abortion?

**MR HOCKEY** - The answer to the honourable member's question is as follows:

1. Due to privacy considerations, Medicare Australia is unable to provide a response to this question.
2. Not applicable.

This answer required 1.5 hours at a cost of \$70 to prepare.