

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question: PM21

Outcome 1, Output 2.1 – Social Policy

Topic: Medicare Levy Surcharge – Private Health Insurance Administration

Council (PHIAC) Consultation

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Senator Cormann asked: - What was the date on which, in line with your responsibilities, you would have acted on making sure that the Department of Health and Ageing was consulted on this change?

Ms Wilson - I am not able to answer it at this stage at the table tonight.

Senator CORMANN - That is okay. Take it on notice and please provide it to us. Was PHIAC, the Private Health Insurance Administration Council, consulted?

Answer:

By 11 March 2008, the Department of Health and Ageing had provided advice to inform the government's consideration of this policy change.

In relation to PHIAC consultation, I refer to testimony provided on 4 June 2008, by the Department of Health and Ageing in Budget Estimates hearings conducted by the Senate Community Affairs Committee (Hansard reference CA 33).