

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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**Question: PM30**

**Outcome 1, Output 2.1 – Social Policy**

**Topic: Medicare Levy Surcharge – State and Territory Consultation**

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**Senator Cormann asked:-This is my final question: since the budget, have you at a departmental level or has the Prime Minister had any formal or informal approaches from any state premier, minister or state government official with a request for additional funding as a consequence of the decision to increase the Medicare levy surcharge-?**

**Mr Mrdak - Perhaps I can take that on notice and come back to you on it.**

**Answer:**

The Department is aware of statements in the media, made by State and Territory Health Ministers, but neither the Prime Minister nor the Department has been formally approached by any State or Territory Premier, Minister or official with a request for additional funding.

To the best of our knowledge neither the Prime Minister, nor the Department, has been informally approached by any State or Territory Premier, Minister or official with a request for additional funding.