

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

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**Senator CORMANN asked:**

**Senator CORMANN** – Can you take on notice whatever information you can provide us to quantify that risk. Last time you told us that your expectation with respect to the Medicare Levy Surcharge was a certain percentage. I would appreciate it if, on notice, you could provide us with that information.

**Answer:**

Medibank has undertaken some preliminary modelling as part of the corporate planning process. Medibank's estimates are that less than 1% of its hospital customers will drop their cover due to the impact of the proposed Rebate and Medicare Levy Surcharge changes. Less than 1.5% of its ancillary customers are expected to drop their cover due to this measure.