

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator CORMANN-Was there any consultation with the states and territories about the impact of this measure on public hospitals and state and territory health systems?**

**Mr Mrdak-As a budget measure, this is, as you would appreciate, developed through the budget process. The very nature of the budget process provides limited opportunity for wide consultation in relation to certain matters. I do not know the particular answer to that. I will check. I will take it on notice.**

**Answer: No.**