

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Medibank Private Limited



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Senator Cormann asked:

Mr Sammells—Typically in any given year we find that health benefit outlays are growing by around eight per cent per year. That has been the experience.

Senator CORMANN—That is health benefit outlays overall, is it?

Mr Sammells—Yes.

Senator CORMANN—Would you mind, perhaps on notice, breaking that down in hospital episodes and perhaps also medical costs and prostheses and devices?

Answer:

From 2006-07 to 2007-08, hospital benefits increased by 7.3%, medical benefits increased by 7.7% and prostheses and devices increased by 10.7%.