

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2009

Medibank Private Limited

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Outcome 2, Program 2.1

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Senator Cormann asked:

Are you aware of what the average out-of-pocket expense is going to be for your members who will access cataract surgery?

Mr Savvides — No. I do not have that on me. I can get that for you.

Answer:

The average out of pocket cost will depend on what fees are charged by doctors. Previous experience from 2008 indicates that the average out of pocket cost to Medibank patients for cataract surgery items was \$167 with more than 70% of procedures having no out-of-pocket costs.