

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Cormann asked:

Medibank Private members who access cataract surgery in the public system as public patients will continue to get access to this service free of charge, won't they?

Mr Savvides—I assume that that is correct. I will have to check that.

Answer:

If the member elects to be a private patient in a public hospital, Medibank will partly or fully reimburse the costs in the same way if they were treated as a private patient in a private hospital. Public hospital billing is a matter for the states and territories.