

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Bulk billing

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Stirling Griff

Question:

Is the Department aware that Sound Radiology is not a bulk billing practice but a private practice, and is not co-located with either a public or private hospital?

Answer:

Radiology practices with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment are usually located at private radiology practices, or radiology practices that are part of public or private hospitals. Hospital-based radiology practices can also be public or private.

Many applications to the Invitation to Apply (ITA) process were received from non-hospital based radiology practices with various billing arrangements.