

## MINISTERIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

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There are three Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items (item 16530, item 16531, and item 35643) which may be used to provide Medicare rebates for the surgical termination of pregnancy. However, these items are not specific to pregnancy termination and may be used for procedures to the uterus when performed for a range of other clinical reasons, including miscarriage. MBS items generally are for a procedure itself, not the reason for or outcome of the procedure. The Government has no plans to change these arrangements.

The utilisation data of all MBS items, including items 16530, 16531 and 35643 are publicly available through the Department of Human Services Medicare Statistics website at [http://medicarestatistics.humanservices.gov.au/statistics/mbs\\_item.jsp](http://medicarestatistics.humanservices.gov.au/statistics/mbs_item.jsp).

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