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Interview with Robert Wells, Coordinator of the Menzies Centre for Health Policy, Australian National University, on the impact of a means test on the thirty percent health rebate. Wells says that, given the Govt's construction of the policy, it will have very little impact at all. He says that it is hard to see how the Oppn's claim that there will be an exodus from private healthcare will happen, with Treasury modelling suggesting that 99.7 percent of people will remain with private health insurers. He comments on the rising cost of private health insurance, saying that it is to be expected that healthcare costs will rise faster than normal inflation. He speaks about other ways that health policy may have been constructed in order to make savings.

Interviewees: Robert Wells, Coordinator of the Menzies Centre for Health Policy, Australian National University

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| Male: | 4600 |
| Female: | 4700 |
| AB: | 5600 |
| GB: | 5300 |
| All People: | 9300 |