

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30 May 2011

Question: E11-095

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: SERVICES TO RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS

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Senator Adams asked:

What are the details of how many of these services were provided to rural and remote areas?

Answer:

	Remoteness Area						Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
	Major Cities of Australia	Inner Regional Australia	Outer Regional Australia	Remote Australia	Very Remote Australia	Unallocated	
Services provided by eligible dentists							
Diagnostic services	2,098,125	288,895	81,774	7,426	1,460	523	2,478,203
Preventive services	1,022,708	133,111	35,707	3,129	559	225	1,195,439
Periodontics	355,508	33,317	7,736	2,786	436	59	399,842
Oral Surgery	562,753	109,747	38,619	3,846	917	85	715,969
Endodontics	449,978	45,449	13,664	1,962	302	117	511,471
Restorative services	2,218,899	362,397	98,746	14,298	2,060	625	2,697,025
Crown and Bridge	570,758	45,794	12,753	1,054	159	219	630,738
Prosthodontics	1,730,834	203,400	63,900	6,869	1,420	278	2,006,701
Orthodontics	4,348	344	58	3	0	0	4,754
General services	96,683	12,789	3,589	450	99	29	113,640
Services provided by eligible dental specialists							
Diagnostic services	46,649	5,002	702	41	36	24	52,453
Preventive services	4,439	1,024	95	3	6	13	5,580
Periodontics	21,348	3,198	506	21	16	29	25,120
Oral Surgery	17,319	3,757	777	49	27	12	21,941
Endodontics	24,702	2,304	231	21	17	0	27,276
Restorative services	6,295	983	150	14	8	1	7,450
Crown and Bridge	6,484	949	125	10	9	10	7,587
Prosthodontics	5,690	691	152	42	46	3	6,623
Orthodontics	2,604	307	35	0	0	1	2,948
General services	2,974	479	54	3	7	12	3,529
Services provided by eligible dental prosthetists							
Diagnostic	115,595	27,756	5,947	182	46	38	149,564

services							
Prosthodontics	575,269	131,973	32,804	1,285	258	183	741,772
Total	9,939,964	1,413,667	398,125	43,496	7,887	2,486	11,805,625

The above allocation of services to ASGC-RA categories is based on postcodes of patients. Patient postcode is the postcode of enrolment and does not necessarily correspond to the post code of residence. The Northern Territory in particular has a high number of addresses that are post office boxes which may not reflect where the patient is living. Where a patient's postcode crosses ASGC-RA boundaries, the service is allocated across the relevant ASGC-RA categories. Any discrepancies in totals are due to rounding as a result of this allocation.