



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care

Secretary

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston
Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care
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Dear Senator Ruston

Further to my letter on 3 June 2024, please find attached an indicative list of Minister commissioned reviews for the health and aged care portfolio. I apologise for the delay in providing this to you.

In relation to your request for urgent care clinics data for the first quarter of 2023, the department is not able to provide MBS consultations data for relevant clinics prior to Medicare UCC implementation. As Medicare claims data does not include practices, linkage of providers to practices over time is reliant on availability of data from other collections or on statistical estimates, with varying degrees of reliability for individual clinics. This impacts the accuracy of historical information relating to the relevant practices.

For transparency, the attached information has also been provided to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Blair Comley'.

Blair Comley PSM

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