

**Question on notice no. 336**

**Portfolio question number: SQ17-001436**

**2017-18 Supplementary budget estimates**

**Community Affairs Committee, Health Portfolio**

**Senator Murray Watt:** asked the Department of Health on 26 October 2017—

Please provide the average out-of-pocket cost in each Commonwealth electorate for 2016-17 for: a. GP attendances; and b. specialist attendances (noting that average out-of-pocket costs for each of these broad types of service is already published at a state/territory level) .

(NB We note the Department's argument in SQ17-799 that providing such data would be labour-intensive. However: a. The Department is clearly able to provide similar data, e.g. on bulk billing rates, by electorate (SQ17-38 refers) b. In recognition of the Department's apparent capacity constraints, we have revised our request to exclude quarterly data and previous years c. There is significant public concern about this issue, justifying the use of departmental resources)

**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 26 October 2017**

**Ref No:** SQ17-001436

**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** Medicare - Out-of-pocket Costs

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Murray Watt

**Question:**

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- a. GP attendances; and
- b. specialist attendances (noting that average out-of-pocket costs for each of these broad types of service is already published at a state/territory level).

**Answer:**

The average out-of-pocket cost for out-of-hospital GP attendances and specialist attendances in each Commonwealth electorate for 2016-17 are provided below.

## 2016-17 – GP and Specialist Attendances: Average Out-of-Pocket

<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Total GP attendances Average Out-of-Pocket</b>	<b>Specialist attendances Average Out-of-Pocket</b>
<b>NSW</b>		
Banks	\$28.61	\$84.93
Barton	\$31.54	\$86.63
Bennelong	\$36.40	\$87.87
Berowra	\$33.87	\$86.67
Blaxland	\$27.29	\$83.50
Bradfield	\$38.41	\$90.63
Calare	\$32.73	\$77.00
Chifley	\$31.69	\$83.02
Cook	\$35.06	\$84.03
Cowper	\$32.51	\$67.59
Cunningham	\$30.68	\$78.67
Dobell	\$30.46	\$74.19
Eden-Monaro	\$36.60	\$81.79
Farrer	\$29.34	\$66.51
Fowler	\$29.79	\$83.71
Gilmore	\$30.07	\$73.65
Grayndler	\$41.43	\$94.47
Greenway	\$35.47	\$85.68
Hughes	\$30.65	\$83.92
Hume	\$31.48	\$85.36
Hunter	\$32.33	\$74.62
Kingsford Smith	\$41.87	\$92.17
Lindsay	\$30.16	\$84.47
Lyne	\$30.77	\$61.10
Macarthur	\$28.77	\$82.49
Mackellar	\$38.91	\$86.94
Macquarie	\$30.66	\$82.84
Mcmahon	\$29.69	\$83.36
Mitchell	\$34.06	\$86.34
New England	\$34.01	\$68.69
Newcastle	\$34.93	\$74.92
North Sydney	\$41.47	\$93.54
Page	\$31.06	\$66.47
Parkes	\$32.70	\$73.67
Parramatta	\$33.32	\$84.43
Paterson	\$32.36	\$76.01
Reid	\$38.17	\$91.12
Richmond	\$33.81	\$66.44
Riverina	\$32.06	\$73.68
Robertson	\$32.43	\$75.06
Shortland	\$34.34	\$73.20
Sydney	\$43.39	\$99.27
Warringah	\$40.63	\$90.87
Watson	\$34.41	\$85.64
Wentworth	\$46.12	\$96.68
Werriwa	\$30.46	\$85.18
Whitlam	\$31.93	\$78.73

<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Total GP attendances Average Out-of-Pocket</b>	<b>Specialist attendances Average Out-of-Pocket</b>
<b>VIC</b>		
Aston	\$34.98	\$66.47
Ballarat	\$34.49	\$64.94
Batman	\$36.53	\$72.56
Bendigo	\$28.56	\$66.29
Bruce	\$34.02	\$66.68
Calwell	\$33.86	\$69.01
Casey	\$34.55	\$67.53
Chisholm	\$35.83	\$68.90
Corangamite	\$32.84	\$62.15
Corio	\$33.80	\$61.91
Deakin	\$33.98	\$67.28
Dunkley	\$34.27	\$69.38
Flinders	\$34.46	\$68.06
Gellibrand	\$35.82	\$75.49
Gippsland	\$32.53	\$65.02
Goldstein	\$42.26	\$77.42
Gorton	\$31.58	\$69.67
Higgins	\$45.42	\$82.06
Holt	\$32.47	\$70.34
Hotham	\$37.07	\$71.57
Indi	\$30.74	\$61.76
Isaacs	\$34.83	\$71.03
Jagajaga	\$34.14	\$71.06
Kooyong	\$42.88	\$79.64
La Trobe	\$34.35	\$68.83
Lalor	\$34.47	\$72.15
Mallee	\$31.05	\$60.85
Maribyrnong	\$35.15	\$72.09
Mcewen	\$32.68	\$71.27
Mcmillan	\$32.33	\$67.39
Melbourne	\$42.04	\$80.36
Melbourne Ports	\$44.22	\$81.38
Menzies	\$34.99	\$69.97
Murray	\$29.04	\$61.17
Scullin	\$32.80	\$71.71
Wannon	\$31.06	\$56.38
Wills	\$34.97	\$70.88

<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Total GP attendances Average Out-of-Pocket</b>	<b>Specialist attendances Average Out-of-Pocket</b>
<b>QLD</b>		
Blair	\$33.12	\$68.40
Bonner	\$37.88	\$74.88
Bowman	\$35.85	\$72.37
Brisbane	\$38.90	\$83.30
Capricornia	\$38.55	\$74.31
Dawson	\$39.40	\$77.29
Dickson	\$35.35	\$77.78
Fadden	\$36.49	\$71.50
Fairfax	\$34.91	\$72.17
Fisher	\$35.11	\$71.04
Flynn	\$36.03	\$78.97
Forde	\$37.59	\$74.34
Griffith	\$39.68	\$79.16
Groom	\$35.55	\$69.64
Herbert	\$35.45	\$75.25
Hinkler	\$28.46	\$79.68
Kennedy	\$33.99	\$75.64
Leichhardt	\$34.96	\$76.95
Lilley	\$35.87	\$77.31
Longman	\$32.28	\$70.31
Maranoa	\$33.81	\$74.38
Mcpherson	\$36.62	\$72.46
Moncrieff	\$37.31	\$71.59
Moreton	\$38.40	\$76.08
Oxley	\$38.23	\$79.05
Petrie	\$33.96	\$74.22
Rankin	\$36.04	\$73.94
Ryan	\$37.32	\$81.40
Wide Bay	\$34.37	\$73.01
Wright	\$35.07	\$71.81
<b>SA</b>		
Adelaide	\$33.43	\$59.19
Barker	\$33.39	\$57.82
Boothby	\$34.36	\$59.58
Grey	\$27.69	\$55.49
Hindmarsh	\$32.84	\$58.93
Kingston	\$32.36	\$60.73
Makin	\$25.01	\$56.61
Mayo	\$31.92	\$59.09
Port Adelaide	\$26.27	\$58.09
Sturt	\$31.80	\$58.53
Wakefield	\$26.66	\$55.91

<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Total GP attendances Average Out-of-Pocket</b>	<b>Specialist attendances Average Out-of-Pocket</b>
<b>WA</b>		
Brand	\$35.65	\$76.93
Burt	\$34.65	\$74.29
Canning	\$35.67	\$66.01
Cowan	\$35.15	\$78.36
Curtin	\$40.54	\$77.34
Durack	\$40.67	\$76.89
Forrest	\$38.89	\$65.87
Fremantle	\$39.90	\$77.29
Hasluck	\$35.51	\$76.94
Moore	\$35.91	\$77.62
O'Connor	\$38.91	\$73.71
Pearce	\$35.34	\$78.51
Perth	\$39.27	\$78.19
Stirling	\$37.12	\$76.02
Swan	\$36.98	\$76.77
Tangney	\$39.54	\$74.72
<b>TAS</b>		
Bass	\$34.80	\$66.09
Braddon	\$31.90	\$60.21
Denison	\$36.57	\$58.51
Franklin	\$37.58	\$57.16
Lyons	\$35.44	\$60.74
<b>NT</b>		
Lingiari	\$42.44	\$88.01
Solomon	\$46.86	\$85.31
<b>ACT</b>		
Canberra	\$42.43	\$90.75
Fenner	\$41.91	\$92.81
<b>Unallocated</b>	\$36.32	\$72.64
<b>Australia</b>	\$35.83	\$75.22

Source: Department of Health, Unpublished Medicare statistics