

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Rate of Rebate Refusal due to De-registration

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Senator: Boyce

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Question:

Senator BOYCE - What is the general level of refusals of rebates?

Ms Golightly - I do not have that here. I took that question on notice

Answer:

The following table shows the number of claims rejected by Medicare Australia for provider related reasons (excluding incentive items).

Rejections can be for a variety of reasons including the provider not being registered at the time the service was rendered, the provider being suspended from Medicare access for a period of time and the provider not being eligible to claim a particular item.

Year	Claims Type	Claims Rejected	Total Rejected
1 July 2009 — 30 June 2010	Patient Claims	9,147	169,599
	Bulk Billing	160,452	
1 July 2010 — 2 March 2011	Patient Claims	5,354	97,338
	Bulk Billing	91,984	