

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 17 February 2012

Question: E12-412

OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

Topic: CLOSING THE GAP DENTAL PROGRAM

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Senator Scullion asked:

Of the 2,567 children identified as needing dental work or some dental intervention as part of the NTER, how many received referrals for further work? Provide the average waiting time between the first service and follow up.

Answer:

Of the 2,567 children who received a dental service in 2010-11, data on follow-up services is available for 2,497 children. Of these, 1,406 (56 per cent) required a subsequent dental service. The average waiting time between a child's first dental service and subsequent dental service was 3.7 months.