

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: Dental Care

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

An estimated three quarters of a million GP visits in 2010-2011 were for specific dental problems – does the Department support the position that one way to improve the Health budget would be to stop people going to the GP for oral health and go to the dentist instead?

Answer:

The Government has not asked the Department of Health to cost any such proposal.