

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Bulk Billing

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

What percentage of non-concessional patients are getting bulk billed appointments? Can a breakdown, by electorate, be provided of the number of bulk billed services by

- a) Concessional patients
- b) Non-concessional patients

Answer:

72.5 per cent of GP non-referred attendances provided to non-concessional patients in 2013-14 were bulk billed.

A breakdown of the number of concessional and non-concessional bulk-billed services by electorate for 2013-14 is provided below.

**Table 1: NSW 2013-14 – Number of services bulk-billed by Concessional Status
by Commonwealth Electoral Division**

NSW	GP Non-referred Attendances (excl Practice Nurse)	
	Concessional Services Bulk-Billed 2013-14	Non-Concessional Services Bulk-Billed 2013-14
Electorate		
UNKNOWN	193	142
NSW		
Banks	499,427	444,367
Barton	524,788	463,170
Bennelong	358,283	438,276
Berowra	262,453	390,278
Blaxland	902,266	493,167
Bradfield	221,076	342,782
Calare	465,485	247,958
Charlton	473,436	224,054
Chifley	806,800	659,285
Cook	365,513	414,915
Cowper	574,153	188,234
Cunningham	486,166	337,232
Dobell	548,548	251,238
Eden-Monaro	325,516	129,341
Farrer	440,093	193,553
Fowler	744,915	483,271
Gilmore	538,259	233,351
Grayndler	415,735	432,010
Greenway	525,333	693,240
Hughes	426,669	462,539
Hume	421,118	265,679
Hunter	424,382	238,331
Kingsford Smith	420,071	446,349
Lindsay	563,460	573,076
Lyne	631,055	185,313
Macarthur	528,805	526,347
Mackellar	269,701	317,476
Macquarie	412,231	358,098
McMahon	659,365	519,559
Mitchell	318,888	542,757
New England	379,807	127,934
Newcastle	366,065	176,307
North Sydney	219,559	355,037
Page	472,643	142,200
Parkes	517,123	259,880
Parramatta	678,963	613,519
Paterson	524,369	195,218
Reid	535,052	567,754
Richmond	598,604	210,050
Riverina	470,967	260,299
Robertson	483,620	267,315
Shortland	492,913	200,013
Sydney	353,281	409,426
Throsby	576,313	355,367
Warringah	218,134	294,152
Watson	796,178	532,685
Wentworth	251,465	372,000
Werriwa	655,067	571,594

**Table 2: VIC 2013-14 – Number of services bulk-billed by Concessional Status
by Commonwealth Electoral Division**

Vic	GP Non-referred Attendances (excl Practice Nurse)	
	Concessional Services Bulk-Billed 2013-14	Non-Concessional Services Bulk-Billed 2013-14
Electorate		
VIC		
Aston	370,144	345,232
Ballarat	476,970	228,932
Batman	530,070	328,499
Bendigo	426,932	205,494
Bruce	563,290	369,507
Calwell	715,555	476,781
Casey	395,559	280,861
Chisholm	399,195	301,465
Corangamite	367,337	222,653
Corio	477,660	218,313
Deakin	377,013	301,683
Dunkley	468,308	262,175
Flinders	467,854	236,209
Gellibrand	510,986	334,630
Gippsland	495,487	200,728
Goldstein	245,008	222,010
Gorton	610,121	544,464
Higgins	235,861	216,340
Holt	644,053	544,741
Hotham	439,968	307,734
Indi	373,042	182,238
Isaacs	449,563	360,313
Jagajaga	331,284	283,935
Kooyong	199,501	220,647
La Trobe	368,412	384,085
Lalor	580,481	683,982
Mallee	541,839	233,142
Maribyrnong	553,619	366,487
McEwen	518,929	511,649
McMillan	587,918	318,105
Melbourne	439,918	268,842
Melbourne Ports	256,345	241,374
Menzies	364,738	313,508
Murray	558,478	222,203
Scullin	597,895	465,228
Wannon	421,655	147,008
Wills	560,025	343,640

**Table 3: QLD, SA 2013-14 - Number of services bulk-billed by Concessional Status
by Commonwealth Electoral Division**

QLD, SA	GP Non-referred Attendances (excl Practice Nurse)	
	Concessional Services Bulk-Billed 2013-14	Non-Concessional Services Bulk-Billed 2013-14
Electorate		
QLD		
Blair	580,622	317,289
Bonner	330,846	235,507
Bowman	387,816	279,449
Brisbane	242,227	207,570
Capricornia	366,252	241,291
Dawson	337,944	237,044
Dickson	343,904	337,056
Fadden	541,653	386,787
Fairfax	535,914	273,520
Fisher	534,797	261,051
Flynn	373,506	287,894
Forde	543,026	449,103
Griffith	258,682	216,213
Groom	418,269	206,216
Herbert	395,277	320,031
Hinkler	639,377	182,089
Kennedy	417,384	206,502
Leichhardt	466,347	311,211
Lilley	368,658	267,767
Longman	631,656	311,823
Maranoa	435,986	200,489
McPherson	499,001	332,725
Moncrieff	533,871	359,565
Moreton	370,349	326,637
Oxley	505,756	440,732
Petrie	510,613	299,972
Rankin	622,547	516,703
Ryan	217,016	238,485
Wide Bay	546,494	190,846
Wright	491,078	356,259
SA		
Adelaide	393,087	229,182
Barker	457,265	144,734
Boothby	405,801	245,088
Grey	531,778	232,643
Hindmarsh	440,128	242,011
Kingston	545,987	293,716
Makin	453,993	314,243
Mayo	375,022	184,904
Port Adelaide	645,340	348,720
Sturt	370,877	213,598
Wakefield	661,030	313,019

Table 4: WA, TAS, NT, ACT, TOTAL 2013-14 - Number of services bulk-billed by Concessional Status by Commonwealth Electoral Division

WA, TAS, NT, ACT, TOTAL	GP Non-referred Attendances (excl Practice Nurse)	
	Concessional Services Bulk-Billed 2013-14	Non-Concessional Services Bulk-Billed 2013-14
Electorate		
WA		
Brand	440,716	344,126
Canning	442,466	259,402
Cowan	333,639	306,590
Curtin	174,880	147,787
Durack	286,065	212,352
Forrest	358,325	197,496
Fremantle	297,343	248,979
Hasluck	382,108	292,280
Moore	271,167	326,009
O'Connor	319,547	199,677
Pearce	363,386	350,264
Perth	356,951	223,271
Stirling	340,756	201,288
Swan	323,370	234,260
Tangney	231,241	221,130
TAS		
Bass	255,208	84,083
Braddon	370,191	149,034
Denison	284,820	107,609
Franklin	290,390	116,069
Lyons	348,472	108,650
NT		
Lingiari	146,310	124,209
Solomon	173,628	274,152
ACT		
Canberra	218,228	213,227
Fraser	240,824	304,353
TOTAL	66,042,527	45,906,954

Allocation of postcode to Electorate (2013):

Data has been allocated to electorate using the patient's enrolment postcode by using the Postcode-to-Electorate (2013) concordance as at October 2014.

Where a postcode boundary overlaps different electorate boundaries, the postcode data is allocated to the respective electorates using a postcode-to-electorate concordance file, built by the Department of Health, using Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) population data. This assumes that Medicare postcode data is geographically distributed in the same proportions as the population was distributed for these split postcodes. This may result in some postcode based service and funding data being allocated to an electorate different to that of the address of the service provider or user.

Where possible, PO Box postcodes have been allocated to an electorate using geospatial programs and a PO Box/delivery area postcode file from Australia Post.

Electorate data should not be aggregated to produce state totals as some postcode data cannot be allocated to electorate but it can be allocated to a State.

It is important to note that some people would receive services outside this electorate, and similarly practitioners located in this electorate may provide assistance to people living in other electorates.

A patient is deemed Concessional if the patient is Concessional at any time during the reference period.

