

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015, 25 February 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

**Topic:** Non-concessional Bulk-Billing

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Ms Faichney: I would have to do a calculation based on the number—

Senator McLUCAS: Would you mind doing that, please.

Ms Faichney: I cannot do it in my head, but I can take it on notice.

Senator DI NATALE: It would be services, not people.

Ms Faichney: Yes.

Senator McLUCAS: Can we work out how many people that would be, though, given the average attendances?

Mr Bowles: That might be difficult.

Ms Faichney: We can estimate.

Mr Bowles: We can estimate—

Senator McLUCAS: It would be great if you could.

Mr Bowles: but we will not get it accurate as far as people go. Services are the thing.

**Answer:**

On 3 March 2015, the Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP announced that the \$5 rebate reduction and optional co-payment for GP consultations, scheduled to commence on 1 July 2015, would no longer proceed.