

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016, 10 February 2016**

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

**Topic:** Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging Cuts

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Gallagher, Katy

**Question:**

In each Commonwealth electoral division for the 2014 and 2015 calendar years, what is the Medicare Bulk billing rate for Diagnostic Imaging Services?

**Answer:**

The table below shows the bulk billing rates of diagnostic imaging services for 2014 and 2015 by each Federal electoral division.

## Diagnostic Imaging Services Bulk-Billed by Electorate

Diagnostic Imaging		% Bulk-Billed	
State	Electorate	2014	2015
NSW	Banks	83.9%	84.7%
	Barton	84.0%	83.8%
	Bennelong	73.5%	74.2%
	Berowra	64.2%	65.1%
	Blaxland	92.6%	92.8%
	Bradfield	51.6%	52.9%
	Calare	79.6%	79.0%
	Charlton	81.5%	81.8%
	Chifley	94.2%	94.2%
	Cook	73.7%	73.5%
	Cowper	84.8%	85.3%
	Cunningham	78.4%	77.9%
	Dobell	75.6%	75.2%
	Eden-Monaro	65.6%	69.5%
	Farrer	79.7%	77.9%
	Fowler	93.6%	93.3%
	Gilmore	77.4%	77.9%
	Grayndler	83.4%	82.2%
	Greenway	89.0%	88.7%
	Hughes	82.2%	82.1%
	Hume	78.1%	78.1%
	Hunter	80.0%	81.6%
	Kingsford Smith	76.9%	77.3%
	Lindsay	91.4%	91.2%
	Lyne	81.8%	81.7%
	Macarthur	88.5%	88.6%
	Mackellar	58.8%	59.1%
	Macquarie	86.8%	85.1%
	McMahon	91.7%	91.8%
	Mitchell	80.0%	80.8%
	New England	71.4%	72.1%
	Newcastle	79.3%	79.3%
	North Sydney	52.2%	53.2%
	Page	70.0%	69.7%
	Parkes	83.1%	80.5%
	Parramatta	87.4%	87.0%
	Paterson	78.2%	79.7%
	Reid	84.4%	84.4%
	Richmond	78.0%	77.6%
	Riverina	66.4%	65.0%
	Robertson	73.0%	72.5%
	Shortland	78.5%	79.8%
	Sydney	73.8%	73.0%
	Throsby	81.6%	80.9%
	Warringah	51.5%	52.2%
	Watson	91.1%	91.4%
	Wentworth	60.2%	60.3%
	Werriwa	91.0%	91.2%

Diagnostic Imaging		% Bulk-Billed	
State	Electorate	2014	2015
QLD	Blair	90.1%	89.3%
	Bonner	74.4%	73.6%
	Bowman	78.8%	78.2%
	Brisbane	70.5%	69.3%
	Capricornia	79.9%	82.4%
	Dawson	79.5%	81.2%
	Dickson	80.0%	80.4%
	Fadden	82.5%	83.8%
	Fairfax	87.9%	87.8%
	Fisher	87.6%	87.1%
	Flynn	74.3%	76.6%
	Forde	86.4%	86.7%
	Griffith	71.0%	69.7%
	Groom	68.6%	70.3%
	Herbert	87.0%	88.2%
	Hinkler	87.2%	86.2%
	Kennedy	83.9%	85.1%
	Leichhardt	87.9%	88.6%
	Lilley	77.3%	76.9%
	Longman	90.0%	90.1%
	Maranoa	70.8%	72.4%
	McPherson	76.0%	77.8%
	Moncrieff	78.4%	79.9%
	Moreton	77.4%	76.8%
	Oxley	86.9%	86.9%
	Petrie	84.7%	84.7%
	Rankin	86.6%	86.7%
	Ryan	68.0%	67.1%
	Wide Bay	89.7%	90.1%
	Wright	85.3%	85.9%
SA	Adelaide	70.5%	69.9%
	Barker	71.7%	72.6%
	Boothby	69.5%	70.8%
	Grey	70.7%	72.5%
	Hindmarsh	70.2%	70.7%
	Kingston	79.9%	80.8%
	Makin	76.7%	78.3%
	Mayo	64.5%	66.0%
	Port Adelaide	87.2%	88.2%
	Sturt	65.6%	65.3%
	Wakefield	82.6%	83.3%

Diagnostic Imaging		% Bulk-Billed	
State	Electorate	2014	2015
WA	Brand	73.1%	75.4%
	Canning	63.1%	66.6%
	Cowan	66.5%	69.5%
	Curtin	37.7%	39.1%
	Durack	79.0%	78.3%
	Forrest	58.2%	58.7%
	Fremantle	60.5%	63.5%
	Hasluck	67.9%	70.6%
	Moore	58.2%	61.9%
	O'Connor	68.8%	69.7%
	Pearce	71.2%	72.4%
	Perth	61.1%	62.7%
	Stirling	58.1%	59.8%
	Swan	55.1%	59.2%
	Tangney	51.4%	56.2%
TAS	Bass	76.8%	76.7%
	Braddon	80.7%	80.2%
	Denison	73.9%	73.0%
	Franklin	75.7%	74.4%
	Lyons	78.9%	78.9%
NT	Lingiari	84.7%	83.4%
	Solomon	89.0%	86.2%
ACT	Canberra	54.2%	57.7%
	Fraser	57.7%	59.9%
UNK	UNKNOWN	62.2%	61.4%
Total	TOTAL	76.6%	77.1%

Allocation of postcode to Electorate (2013):

Data has been allocated to electorate using the patient's enrolment postcode.

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 POBox/delivery area postcode file from Australia Post.

Some postcode data cannot be allocated to electorate. Where this has occurred the bulk billing rate has been shown under the 'Unknown' electoral division.