

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: 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 pathology services?

Answer:

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

Pathology Services (including Pathology Episode Initiation and Pathology Tests)
Bulk-Billed by Electorate

Total Pathology		% Bulk-Billed	
State	Electorate	2014	2015
NSW	Banks	85.6%	86.3%
	Barton	86.7%	86.7%
	Bennelong	82.3%	82.4%
	Berowra	79.1%	80.2%
	Blaxland	92.3%	92.7%
	Bradfield	74.9%	76.5%
	Calare	89.5%	90.2%
	Charlton	86.6%	86.4%
	Chifley	94.0%	94.7%
	Cook	79.7%	80.0%
	Cowper	90.9%	90.9%
	Cunningham	85.4%	86.8%
	Dobell	88.2%	88.0%
	Eden-Monaro	87.4%	88.0%
	Farrer	88.4%	88.3%
	Fowler	93.1%	93.0%
	Gilmore	87.1%	87.8%
	Grayndler	88.5%	88.0%
	Greenway	90.3%	90.4%
	Hughes	85.4%	85.5%
	Hume	87.8%	87.8%
	Hunter	86.6%	87.2%
	Kingsford Smith	84.8%	85.1%
	Lindsay	91.2%	91.3%
	Lyne	88.6%	88.8%
	Macarthur	88.1%	88.0%
	Mackellar	77.7%	78.3%
	Macquarie	88.4%	88.1%
	McMahon	90.9%	91.6%
	Mitchell	83.9%	84.5%
	New England	90.2%	89.8%
	Newcastle	85.9%	86.1%
	North Sydney	79.4%	79.7%
	Page	89.6%	88.9%
	Parkes	90.6%	90.3%
	Parramatta	89.8%	90.4%
	Paterson	86.6%	87.0%
	Reid	87.5%	87.4%
	Richmond	87.6%	87.5%
	Riverina	87.0%	85.8%
	Robertson	84.5%	85.2%
	Shortland	87.0%	86.8%
	Sydney	87.9%	88.7%
	Throsby	87.4%	88.4%
	Warringah	77.7%	78.7%
	Watson	91.2%	91.3%
	Wentworth	82.1%	82.7%
	Werriwa	90.5%	91.1%

Total Pathology		% Bulk-Billed	
State	Electorate	2014	2015
VIC	Aston	86.7%	86.0%
	Ballarat	86.2%	86.9%
	Batman	89.5%	89.8%
	Bendigo	89.1%	89.4%
	Bruce	87.7%	87.5%
	Calwell	92.1%	92.3%
	Casey	87.1%	87.1%
	Chisholm	84.6%	84.2%
	Corangamite	86.6%	86.9%
	Corio	89.0%	88.8%
	Deakin	84.3%	84.2%
	Dunkley	86.0%	86.0%
	Flinders	85.6%	85.0%
	Gellibrand	90.9%	91.4%
	Gippsland	91.9%	91.8%
	Goldstein	81.7%	80.8%
	Gorton	94.0%	94.2%
	Higgins	82.6%	82.0%
	Holt	92.3%	92.1%
	Hotham	86.7%	86.8%
	Indi	89.8%	89.7%
	Isaacs	88.3%	88.4%
	Jagajaga	86.6%	86.7%
	Kooyong	80.9%	80.9%
	La Trobe	87.9%	88.0%
	Lalor	93.7%	94.1%
	Mallee	89.5%	90.2%
	Maribyrnong	88.8%	89.5%
	McEwen	89.7%	90.3%
	McMillan	91.5%	91.2%
	Melbourne	89.5%	89.8%
	Melbourne Ports	85.3%	84.8%
	Menzies	84.7%	83.8%
	Murray	90.4%	90.5%
	Scullin	91.4%	91.3%
	Wannon	91.2%	91.3%
	Wills	88.3%	88.7%

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State	Electorate	2014	2015
QLD	Blair	88.7%	89.2%
	Bonner	84.3%	84.2%
	Bowman	86.1%	86.5%
	Brisbane	84.9%	84.9%
	Capricornia	84.6%	85.0%
	Dawson	87.1%	87.9%
	Dickson	87.7%	88.3%
	Fadden	87.9%	88.6%
	Fairfax	88.4%	89.4%
	Fisher	87.6%	87.9%
	Flynn	87.6%	88.0%
	Forde	90.6%	90.0%
	Griffith	84.1%	84.0%
	Groom	82.4%	83.1%
	Herbert	88.7%	89.2%
	Hinkler	87.2%	86.8%
	Kennedy	90.5%	90.3%
	Leichhardt	93.0%	92.8%
	Lilley	85.7%	86.5%
	Longman	91.2%	91.7%
	Maranoa	86.8%	87.6%
	McPherson	86.8%	87.0%
	Moncrieff	86.8%	87.6%
	Moreton	85.5%	85.6%
	Oxley	89.0%	90.2%
	Petrie	90.3%	90.4%
	Rankin	91.2%	91.3%
	Ryan	80.7%	82.1%
	Wide Bay	88.8%	89.8%
	Wright	88.8%	89.6%
SA	Adelaide	89.1%	88.9%
	Barker	94.6%	94.2%
	Boothby	88.1%	87.9%
	Grey	95.0%	94.6%
	Hindmarsh	86.7%	86.9%
	Kingston	93.8%	93.7%
	Makin	91.3%	91.1%
	Mayo	90.5%	90.7%
	Port Adelaide	92.8%	93.2%
	Sturt	86.6%	86.6%
	Wakefield	94.8%	94.2%

Total Pathology		% Bulk-Billed	
State	Electorate	2014	2015
WA	Brand	91.2%	92.3%
	Canning	90.4%	91.2%
	Cowan	88.2%	89.2%
	Curtin	81.0%	82.3%
	Durack	92.2%	93.3%
	Forrest	91.8%	92.8%
	Fremantle	85.7%	86.5%
	Hasluck	88.1%	89.2%
	Moore	87.5%	89.1%
	O'Connor	91.4%	92.0%
	Pearce	89.4%	90.4%
	Perth	85.8%	87.8%
	Stirling	84.9%	86.7%
	Swan	85.7%	87.4%
	Tangney	83.0%	85.4%
TAS	Bass	90.5%	91.2%
	Braddon	92.3%	93.7%
	Denison	85.0%	85.8%
	Franklin	85.0%	86.1%
	Lyons	90.1%	91.5%
NT	Lingiari	98.0%	98.2%
	Solomon	94.6%	95.2%
ACT	Canberra	84.1%	85.0%
	Fraser	89.2%	89.6%
UNK	UNKNOWN	94.2%	78.1%
Total	TOTAL	87.7%	88.1%

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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 PO Box/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.

