

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30 May 2011

Question: E11-088

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: CHRONIC DISEASE DENTAL SCHEME (CDDS)

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) What has been the average growth rate in the number of services accessed per year?
- b) What compliance measures are in place to ensure services accessed under the scheme meet the intent of the program and eligibility requirements?

Answer:

- a) The average growth rate for comparable full financial years is shown below.

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>2007-08*</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
Number of services claimed	557,191	2,381,277	4,277,128
Growth rate**	-	-	79.6%

\* The CDDS commenced on 1 November 2007.

\*\* Data for incomplete years not used in growth rate calculations.

- b) Compliance questions about this program are a matter for Medicare Australia. Please refer to Hansard Community Affairs Legislation Committee 30 May 2011 page 96.