

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013

Question: E13-122

OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical Services

Topic: Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Given the Scheme is restricted to children on Youth Allowance, Abstudy, Family Tax Benefit, is there any requirement for practitioners to bulk bill or limit their fees in any way?

Answer:

Private practitioners are able to set the fees for their services and are not required to bulk bill. However, to access the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, public practitioners will need to bulk bill patients under the Scheme.