

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: Dental services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Please explain the deferral of the National Partnership Agreement for adult public dental services. What was the total amount of money allocated to this National Partnership Agreement from 2014-15 over the forward estimates and what is the revised funding allocations when it commences in 2015-16?

Answer:

The Government has deferred the National Partnership Agreement on Adult Public Dental Services to avoid an overlap with the current National Partnership Agreement on Treating More Public Dental Patients, which ends on 30 June 2015. The National Partnership Agreement on Adult Public Dental Services will now commence on 1 July 2015.

Original Funding for the National Partnership Agreement on Adult Public Dental Services

2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
200.0	295.0	390.0	390.0

(Reference: Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2012-13, Appendix A, p.195)

Revised Funding for the National Partnership Agreement on Adult Public Dental Services over the Forward Estimates

2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)
0.0	200.0	295.0	390.0

(Reference: 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 3, p.31)