

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014**

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

**Topic:** GP attendances

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

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

- (1) Please provide disaggregated figures of the numbers of each concession card holder group using GP services each year.

**Answer:**

- (1) According to Medicare data, there were 7.8 million people who had a concession card at any time during the 2012-13 financial year and received at least one Medicare service. Of these 7.8 million people, 7.6 million had at least one in-scope GP service (that is, out of hospital GP services for which the patient contribution measure applies). Some of these services are not currently bulk billed.

The number of people with a concession card who received at least one in-scope GP service increased from 7.4 million in 2011-12. The disaggregated figures for each concession card group are below.

	<b>2012-13</b>
<b>Concession Card Type</b>	<b>Number that used at least one GP service*</b>
Health Care Card	2,183,603
Pension Card	5,115,346
Seniors Health Card	272,029
	<b>2011-12</b>
<b>Concession Card Type</b>	<b>Number that used at least one GP service*</b>
Health Care Card	2,097,819
Pension Card	5,077,249
Seniors Health Card	271,725

\*People may have more than one concession card in a calendar year, but are only reported once in the statistics above.