

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: Child Dental Benefits Scheme

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

What concerns does the Minister have in relation to the Child Dental Benefits Scheme?

Answer:

The Government introduced the Dental Benefits Amendments Bill 2014 (the Bill) into Parliament on 26 March 2014. The Bill will make a number of amendments to the operation of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, including enhancing compliance powers and allowing the Professional Services Review scheme to apply to services provided under the programme.