

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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

**Ref No:** SQ14-000928

**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** After Hours

**Type of Question:** Hansard Page 97, 2 June 2014

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Do we have any trends in levels of access to after-hours services that have followed the implementation of the program to task Medicare Locals with providing after-hours services?

**Answer:**

Quarterly data for the total number of after-hours MBS items is shown below in table.

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 July – 30 September 2013	2,251,087
1 October – 31 December 2013	2,175,335
1 January – 31 March 2014	2,214,610