

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Topic:** Patient Co-payment

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

- a) What is the average presentation for a concessional patient?
- b) You will be able to provide me with the same figure that is an analysis of a general patient.

**Answer:**

- a) The below table shows the average number of in-scope services provided to concessional patients in 2012-13 for General Practitioner (GP), Diagnostic Imaging (DI) and Pathology items.

	<b>GP</b>	<b>Pathology</b>	<b>DI</b>	<b>Total</b>
Concessional	7.8	2.2	1.2	11.3

In-scope services include those that were provided out-of-hospital and for which the patient contribution measure applies.

Concessional patients include people who had a concession card at any time in 2012-13 and claimed at least one MBS service.

Note that the average for the total number of in-scope services does not equal the sum of the averages for each category due to rounding.

- b) The below table shows the average number of in-scope services for general patients provided in 2012-13 for GP, DI and Pathology items.

	<b>GP</b>	<b>Pathology</b>	<b>DI</b>	<b>Total</b>
General	4.5	1.2	0.8	6.6

In-scope services include those that were provided out-of-hospital and for which the patient contribution measure applies.

General patients include people who did not have a concession card at any time in 2012-13 and claimed at least one MBS service.

Note that the average for the total number of in-scope services does not equal the sum of the averages for each category due to rounding.