

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: Patient Co-payment

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

- a) Can you disaggregate that amount to take out the over 65s?
- b) What is the frequency of visits to a GP for a person over the age of 16 and under the age of 65?

Answer:

- a) In 2012-13 there were 3.6 million concessional card holders aged 16 to 64 that had at least one Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) service.
- b) In 2012-13 the average number of GP visits per person for concession card holders aged 16 to 64 that had at least one MBS service was 7.9 GP services per patient.