

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 - 2 June 2015**

**Ref No:** SQ15-000304

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

**Topic:** Dental Care

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

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Has DoH advised the government of the low utilisation rate of the Child Dental Benefits Scheme and advised as to the current savings being compared to Budget achieved by that utilisation rate?

**Answer:**

Yes. Revised estimated actual expenditure for 2014-15 is shown in the Health Portfolio Budget Statement 2015-16, p. 85, Special appropriations - *Dental Benefits Act 2008*.