

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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

**Ref No:** SQ15-000310

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

**Topic:** Dental Care

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

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Has there been an increase in public sector dental waiting lists in the last twelve months?

**Answer:**

Waiting lists increased between June 2014 and March 2015. However, this may be attributable to more patients seeking access to public dental services as waiting times have decreased.