

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: Medicare Bulk Billing Rate

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Senator McLUCAS: So you said it was 77.5. Was that for all attendances?

Mr Porter: That is for all attendances. For GP attendances, excluding practice nurse items, it is 84 per cent.

Senator MOORE: What about specialists?

Mr Porter: I do not think I have specialists figures with me.

Senator MOORE: Can you take that on notice?

Mr Porter: We can take that on notice.

Answer:

The bulk billing rates quoted above are for 2014-15 financial year to date - July 2014 to March 2015.

The bulk billing rate for specialist attendances for 2014-15 financial year to date - July 2014 to March 2015 is 29.7 per cent.