

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Healthy Kids Check

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Senator: Moore, Claire

Question:

Senator MOORE: So allowing for privacy issues you can still provide the age and location? It would be very useful to see whether some regions are using it more and whether there are cohorts that are using it more. My understanding also is that sometimes when parents take up the service if they tell other parents it is more likely to be that methodology of promoting a service than anything else. So it would be nice to test out whether area north in Brisbane had a lot of three-year-olds having a healthy kids check. I would like to know why.

Ms Cahill: Certainly we see quite a different take-up by state or territory. Senator, when you say you would like that data by area, at what levels—

Senator MOORE: Age and location. What is the model of collection of this data for location?

Ms Cahill: It is collected as Medicare data. We have the postcode of the provider and the postcode of the patient.

Senator MOORE: We would like it at level if we could.

Senator McLUCAS: Could that be transferred into federal electorates?

Mr Porter: Yes, it can. There is what is called a map between postcodes, electorates, ASGC classifications et cetera.

Mr Stuart: I think we are getting towards quite a large piece of analysis.

Senator MOORE: Can you consider what you can give us? That is our standard process. You know what we are after. Could you consider what would be accessible through that the process?

Mr Bowles: We will take it on notice

Senator MOORE: What we are really trying to get down to is: where was this used and what was the impact

of the use of this program?

Senator McLUCAS: By federal electorate would be great.

Mr Stuart: We will take it on notice and see what is doable within appropriate resources.

Answer:

Please see attached table.

Number of Patients who have received a Healthy Kids Check,
2013-14
by ABS Statistical Area 4**

		Reference Period
		2013-14
		Patients
SA4	ABS Statistical Area 4	
000	Unknown	6
101	Capital Region	1,288
102	Central Coast	2,598
103	Central West	1,520
104	Coffs Harbour - Grafton	975
105	Far West and Orana	712
106	Hunter Valley exc Newcastle	2,591
107	Illawarra	2,435
108	Mid North Coast	1,603
109	Murray	444
110	New England and North West	1,583
111	Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	3,067
112	Richmond - Tweed	1,825
113	Riverina	1,311
114	Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	1,174
115	Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	1,851
116	Sydney - Blacktown	3,462
117	Sydney - City and Inner South	1,218
118	Sydney - Eastern Suburbs	960
119	Sydney - Inner South West	4,475
120	Sydney - Inner West	2,129
121	Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby	2,582
122	Sydney - Northern Beaches	2,083
123	Sydney - Outer South West	2,627
124	Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains	2,866
125	Sydney - Parramatta	4,117
126	Sydney - Ryde	1,019
127	Sydney - South West	3,652
128	Sydney - Sutherland	1,449
201	Ballarat	333
202	Bendigo	303
203	Geelong	970
204	Hume	649
205	Latrobe - Gippsland	538
206	Melbourne - Inner	768
207	Melbourne - Inner East	601
208	Melbourne - Inner South	837
		Reference Period

		2013-14
		Patients
212	Melbourne - South East	3,258
213	Melbourne - West	3,948
214	Mornington Peninsula	937
215	North West	196
216	Shepparton	457
217	Warrnambool and South West	185
301	Brisbane - East	2,055
302	Brisbane - North	1,903
303	Brisbane - South	2,925
304	Brisbane - West	1,510
305	Brisbane Inner City	1,505
306	Cairns	2,202
307	Darling Downs - Maranoa	1,229
308	Fitzroy	2,191
309	Gold Coast	5,577
310	Ipswich	3,957
311	Logan - Beaudesert	4,124
312	Mackay	1,655
313	Moreton Bay - North	2,493
314	Moreton Bay - South	1,984
315	Queensland - Outback	325
316	Sunshine Coast	3,196
317	Toowoomba	1,618
318	Townsville	2,014
319	Wide Bay	2,340
401	Adelaide - Central and Hills	1,253
402	Adelaide - North	3,488
403	Adelaide - South	2,117
404	Adelaide - West	1,164
405	Barossa - Yorke - Mid North	563
406	South Australia - Outback	454
407	South Australia - South East	757
501	Bunbury	848
502	Mandurah	636
503	Perth - Inner	373
504	Perth - North East	1,561
505	Perth - North West	3,854
506	Perth - South East	3,776
507	Perth - South West	2,761
508	Western Australia - Outback	487
509	Western Australia - Wheat Belt	636

		Reference Period
		2013-14
		Patients
601	Hobart	1,602
602	Launceston and North East	1,047
603	South East	245
604	West and North West	545
701	Darwin	541
702	Northern Territory - Outback	514
801	Australian Capital Territory	2,003
901	Other Territories	3
Total Kids		152,163

Patient location has been derived from their postcode as at the last service processed in the reference period

Reference period is based on the date the service was provided, not date of processing. For this reason, the figures will not match publicly available totals.

** Healthy Kids Checks are patients who were 3 or 4 when they received either MBS Health Check Item 701,703,705,707 or item 10986.

The SA4 regions are the largest sub-State regions in the Main Structure of the ASGS