

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Can the Department provide a list of PBS usage statistics by electorate, including a breakdown on concessional and non-concessional usage?

Answer:

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription and expenditure data refers to section 85 (Community Pharmacy) PBS prescriptions. National figures for 2013-14 were sourced from the PBS publication series: PBS Expenditure and Prescriptions.

PBS data is captured by postcode. No capture is done at electorate level. Therefore postcode level data is provided in the attached table.