

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: Child Dental Benefits Schedule – Common Treatments

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Question:

What are the most common treatments received under the scheme?

What I am interested in knowing is if you could rank the treatments from clean through to braces, or whatever it is, and also the proportion of the treatments that are those item numbers?

Answer:

The most common treatments claimed under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule in its first full 12 months are provided in the following table:

Most common services provided under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014)		
Item	Item description	% of total services claimed
88161	Fissure and/or tooth surface sealing - per tooth (first four services)	17%
88011	Comprehensive oral exam	15%
88022	Intraoral periapical or bitewing radiograph - per exposure	14%
88121	Topical application of remineralisation and/or cariostatic agents, one treatment	11%
88114	Removal of calculus - first visit	11%