

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017

Ref No: SQ17-000780

OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Bulk Billing

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

What percentage of patients are bulk billed for all GP services - broken down to Commonwealth electorates? Please provide the most current data.

Answer:

The Department of Health compiles statistics on patient bulk billing distributions at a national level on a financial year basis (provided in SQ17-000778).

The Department does not compile statistics on patient bulk billing distributions by Commonwealth Electorate.

However, bulk billing rates (based on services) by Commonwealth Electorate have been provided for the financial years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 through Freedom of Information processes and are available on the Department of Health website at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/foi-disc-log-2016-17>