

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017

Ref No: SQ17-000781

OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Bulk Billing

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

What is the percentage of item 23 GP services that are bulk billed in Australia? Please provide the most current data.

Answer:

Nationally, the July to March 2016-17 year-to-date bulk billing rate for MBS Item 23 was 81.8 per cent. This represents an increase of 0.6 percentage points when compared to the same period last year (81.2 per cent).