

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017

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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 - broken down into Commonwealth electorates? Please provide the most current data.

Answer:

The Department of Health does not routinely compile statistics on the bulk billing rate of item 23 by Commonwealth Electorate.

GP non-referred attendance bulk billing rates by Commonwealth Electorates 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>