

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017**

**Ref No:** SQ17-000796

**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** Out of Pocket costs

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

Please provide the most recent data for average out of pocket costs for GP consultations - broken down into Commonwealth electorates - broken down by quarter and year.

**Answer:**

The Department of Health is unable to provide the average out-of-pocket cost for privately billed GP services by Commonwealth Electorate as the considerable work involved would require a significant diversion of resources from other departmental operations.

The average out-of-pocket cost for privately billed GP services nationally, by state and territory and by remoteness area by financial year, by quarter and by 2016-17 year-to-date July to March period is available on the Department of Health website at

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Medicare+Statistics-1>