

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Dental

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

When the Government reversed the \$300 cut to the CDBS, did it do so at the expense of the National Partnership Agreement on adult public dental care, which continues to see a year over year reduction in funding?

Answer:

No. \$320 million was allocated for dental National Partnership Agreements (NPAs) in the 2016-17 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook. This included the six month extension to the former NPA on Adult Public Dental Services. The decision to reinstate the \$1,000 cap under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule was made on 8 February 2017.