

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-193

OUTCOME 0: WHOLE OF PORTFOLIO

Topic: ELECTORAL REPORTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Did the Department prepare electorate level reports for the Government Ministers for the 2010 election?
- b) What data is included in these reports?
- c) How often is this updated?
- d) Why is this material not publicly available?
- e) Please provide copy of latest reports.

Answer:

- a) Health portfolio Ministers had access to electorate reports prior to the 2010 election.
- b) The reports provided 2008-09 data on Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS) bulk billing and safety net uptake for each electorate applying 2010 electoral boundaries.
- c) Electoral data is regularly updated to reflect the availability of new data and changes to electoral boundaries.
- d) Release of data is at Ministerial discretion.
- e) Reports presenting 2008-09 MBS data applying 2007 electoral boundaries can be found at www.health.gov.au/electoratereports