

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES - 20 OCTOBER 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Chronic Disease Dental Scheme – Audit Management

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Senator: Bushby

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Question:

- a) When was it decided to undertake audits of the scheme and/or compliance by participating dentists in the CDDS?
- b) Who decided to undertake the audits? Was it decided to do so at a departmental level or was the decision made by the Minister? Why was the decision taken?
- c) If the decision was not made by the Minister, was the Minister or the Minister's office consulted prior to the decision being made?
- d) Referring to the initial decision to conduct audits of the scheme and/or compliance by the participating dentists, please provide details of how many audits were initially to be carried out, the basis on which dentists would be selected for audit, what resources were made available to conduct the audit and from what budgetary measure those resources were sourced?
- e) Since first deciding to conduct these audits, has any decision been made to vary the number of participating dentists to be audited and if so, on what basis and for what purpose?

Answer:

See answer to Senate Question on Notice 1227.