

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 – Operation

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Senator: Bushby

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Question:

- a) Has the Department conducted any assessment of the total paid out under the scheme that is likely to be recovered as a result of the audit process and related follow up of audited dentists? If so, please specify the results of that assessment.
- b) What programs or other action did the Department conduct or take to ensure that dentists participating in the CDDS were fully aware of the terms upon which they participated and what their obligations were under the CDDS?
- c) What is the difference between dentists being asked to participate in ‘information gathering’ and undergoing an audit?
- d) How many practitioners found to be non-compliant have been given a caution?
- e) If a dentist is required to participate in ‘information gathering’ does this preclude the department from undertaking an audit? If not, how does Medicare ensure they are given a fair audit in light of the information they have already provided?

Answer:

See answer to Senate Question on Notice 1227.