

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-142

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: CHRONIC DISEASE DENTAL SCHEME

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Senator Di Natale asked:

Do you have any information to suggest how much the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme will cost the Commonwealth in 2010-11? Do you have any idea how the figure for 2011-12 to date compares with the same period for 2010-11?

Answer:

The first part of this question was answered by Mr Thomann at the hearing. Please refer to pages 102-103 of the Senate Hansard, 19 October 2011([Attachment A](#)).

Comparison of 2011-12 costs to the same period for 2010-11 is:

Benefits claimed under the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme

	July	August	September	October	Total
2010-11	56,835,622.95	58,565,765.97	62,869,117.45	59,623,850.78	237,894,357.15
2011-12	67,549,974.12	77,249,410.82	74,683,251.97	71,479,275.64	290,961,912.55

From July 2011 to October 2011, 22.31% more benefits were claimed under the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme than in the same period in 2010-11.