Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: CHRONIC DISEASE DENTAL SCHEME

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Senator Di Natale asked:

Is there any evidence that that is changing? I suppose that gets back to my earlier question. Has that been a fairly static figure?

Answer:

Over the life of the program the expenditure on 'high end items' as a proportion of total expenditure has been 27.7per cent.

Since January 2010 this proportion has remained reasonably stable with an average of 26.2 per cent.