

## Senate Community Affairs Committee

### ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### HEALTH PORTFOLIO

#### Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 21 October 2015

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**OUTCOME:** 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

**Topic:** Child Dental Benefits Schedule – Services

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Can you break those down by ASGC classifications?

**Answer:**

The following table shows Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) services within the period 1 January 2014 – 31 August 2015 by Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Area classification:

ASGS Remoteness Area	CDBS Services	% of items claimed
Major City	5,195,731	68%
Inner Regional	1,654,790	22%
Outer Regional	711,555	9%
Remote	67,559	1%
Very Remote	24,343	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,654,448</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Remoteness Area (2011):** Data has been allocated to Remoteness Area with the patient's last postcode in the reference period using a Postcode-to-Remoteness Area. Where a postcode boundary overlaps different Remoteness Area boundaries, the postcode data is allocated to the respective Remoteness Areas using a postcode-to- Remoteness Area concordance file, using Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) population data. This assumes that Medicare postcode data is geographically distributed in the same proportions as the population was distributed for these split postcodes.

A very small number of services were unable to be allocated to a Remoteness Area.