

# Senate Community Affairs Committee

## ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### HEALTH PORTFOLIO

#### Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** Bulk-Billing Rates

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**Senator:** Reynolds, Linda

**Question:**

Senator REYNOLDS: In light of the fact that the department is the authoritative source of health data, particularly on bulk-billing, would it be possible to ask for a longitudinal look at bulk-billing rates nationally and then by state perhaps over the last 10 years? Just so we have a single source of information here so that we are not relying on newspaper articles, other commentators, colleges and whatever. Is that possible? Mr Stuart: We will be able to table that a little bit later in the morning. Senator REYNOLDS: If you could do it nationally and then by state also because obviously senators have interest in their own states. Mr Stuart: Yes, we can do that.

**Answer:**

**Table 1.4a: Broad Type of Service: Total non-referred attendances (Including GP/VR GP, Enhanced Primary Care, and Other)**

	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
<b>Australia</b>	85.1	84.3	83.4	82.2	81.2	80.2	79.5	79.2	78.5	77.4
<b>NSW</b>	88.6	88.2	87.6	86.8	85.9	85.0	84.4	84.7	84.1	83.2
<b>VIC</b>	84.8	84.0	83.1	82.0	80.5	79.1	78.2	77.3	76.3	75.1
<b>QLD</b>	84.5	83.7	82.8	81.6	80.6	79.8	78.9	77.3	76.3	75.0
<b>SA</b>	84.0	83.3	82.3	81.3	80.5	78.9	78.7	79.4	78.3	76.5
<b>WA</b>	80.1	77.8	75.3	72.9	72.4	72.3	72.5	72.4	72.5	72.0
<b>TAS</b>	76.7	77.3	77.0	76.1	74.8	74.7	74.3	73.4	73.1	71.2
<b>NT</b>	87.4	84.5	80.7	77.4	72.0	68.2	65.6	62.3	63.0	62.3
<b>ACT</b>	60.0	57.9	57.0	54.9	49.5	46.0	47.1	51.1	51.3	50.7

Source:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Annual-Medicare-Statistics>