

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Bulk-Billing Rates

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Senator: Reynolds, Linda

Question:

Senator REYNOLDS: What was the increase in bulk-billing rates for this figure we are going to find out? What were the results of that?

Mr Smith: I will bring you the exact figures. It was a marginal increase in the growth rate in the bulk-billing rates for diagnostic—

Senator REYNOLDS: A marginal increase in growth rate, so it could be around the one per cent like it was for the pathology increase? Anyway, I will wait for you to come back with that. Mr Bowles: It is a slightly different context in this one.

Senator REYNOLDS: Okay, I will wait for that.

Answer:

Please see Hansard Pages 54 and 55.