

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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

**Ref No:** SQ16-000690

**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** Bulk Billing

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

For each Commonwealth electorate, please provide the percentage of GP services that are bulk billed. This data should be provided by year and quarter and go back 10 years (or as far as practicable) to allow for comparison.

**Answer:**

Bulk billing rates by Commonwealth Electorates have been provided for the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 through Freedom of Information processes and are available on the Department of Health website at

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/foi-disc-log-2016-17>

The Department is unable to provide further breakdowns of bulk billing rates for GP services by Commonwealth Electorate by financial year and quarter over a 10 year period as the considerable work involved would require a significant diversion of resources from other departmental operations.