

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: CDBS

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

How many children are eligible for the CDBS in each state, territory and Commonwealth electorate?

Answer:

Number of Notified Eligible Children for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)*

	2015 (as at 31 December 2015)	2016 (as at 30 September 2016)
New South Wales	973,743	931,461
Victoria	762,109	737,983
Queensland	682,102	668,137
South Australia	228,538	221,638
Western Australia	289,641	282,082
Tasmania	80,789	77,719
Northern Territory	35,769	34,903
Australian Capital Territory	33,577	32,224
Australia**	3,086,278	2,986,191

*This refers to the number of children who have been notified of CDBS eligibility.

**Children by state/territory do not sum to the total of Australia. The Australia figure includes records without an address or valid postcode.

The number of notified children for 2016 relates to those children notified as at 30 September 2016. The final figure for 2016 will be higher than this as 2016 has not concluded and children can become eligible throughout the year.

Eligible Children by Commonwealth Electorate

This cannot be provided as eligibility data by electorate is not collected by the Department of Health.