

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:

Over the most recent two year period for which data is available (e.g. to the end of the September 2016 quarter), what was the average dollar amount of services received by each child who used the CDBS? On average, how many services were received by each child who used the CDBS?

Answer:

For the 2015-16 cap period, the average benefits paid per patient was \$434.47 and the average number of services claimed per patient was 6.95.

Benefits under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) are capped at \$1,000 over two consecutive calendar years.