Question: HS66

Outcome 1, Output Group 1.1

Topic: Medicare Australia – Online Billing

Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Written

SENATOR McLUCAS asked on 1/11/2005:

1. How many doctors' offices use HIC Online for non-bulk billed consultations?

2. How many doctors does this represent?

3. What proportion of doctors' services is claimed through HIC Online?

4. How many GP offices use HIC Online for non-bulk billed consultations?

5. How many GPs does this represent?

6. What proportion of GP services is claimed through HIC Online?

7. What is the Department doing to address the concerns that GPs have about how this system currently operates, viz: that the transactions are in real time?

8. Does the Department plan to re-introduce the HIC Online proposal from Fairer Medicare where patients were required to only pay the gap?

9. How many pharmacies currently use PBS Online?

10. Is the Department aware of complaints from pharmacists about the slow rate of payments from PBS Online?

11. What is the Department doing to address the concerns that pharmacists have about how this system currently operates, viz: that the transactions are in real time?

Answer:

1. Refer to response to HS57.

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