

Question on notice no. 336

Portfolio question number: SQ17-001436

2017-18 Supplementary budget estimates

Community Affairs Committee, Health Portfolio

Senator Murray Watt: asked the Department of Health on 26 October 2017—

Please provide the average out-of-pocket cost in each Commonwealth electorate for 2016-17 for: a. GP attendances; and b. specialist attendances (noting that average out-of-pocket costs for each of these broad types of service is already published at a state/territory level) .

(NB We note the Department's argument in SQ17-799 that providing such data would be labour-intensive. However: a. The Department is clearly able to provide similar data, e.g. on bulk billing rates, by electorate (SQ17-38 refers) b. In recognition of the Department's apparent capacity constraints, we have revised our request to exclude quarterly data and previous years c. There is significant public concern about this issue, justifying the use of departmental resources)

Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 26 October 2017

Ref No: SQ17-001436

OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Medicare - Out-of-pocket Costs

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Murray Watt

Question:

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- a. GP attendances; and
- b. specialist attendances (noting that average out-of-pocket costs for each of these broad types of service is already published at a state/territory level).

Answer:

The average out-of-pocket cost for out-of-hospital GP attendances and specialist attendances in each Commonwealth electorate for 2016-17 are provided below.

2016-17 – GP and Specialist Attendances: Average Out-of-Pocket

Electorate	Total GP attendances Average Out-of-Pocket	Specialist attendances Average Out-of-Pocket
NSW		
Banks	\$28.61	\$84.93
Barton	\$31.54	\$86.63
Bennelong	\$36.40	\$87.87
Berowra	\$33.87	\$86.67
Blaxland	\$27.29	\$83.50
Bradfield	\$38.41	\$90.63
Calare	\$32.73	\$77.00
Chifley	\$31.69	\$83.02
Cook	\$35.06	\$84.03
Cowper	\$32.51	\$67.59
Cunningham	\$30.68	\$78.67
Dobell	\$30.46	\$74.19
Eden-Monaro	\$36.60	\$81.79
Farrer	\$29.34	\$66.51
Fowler	\$29.79	\$83.71
Gilmore	\$30.07	\$73.65
Grayndler	\$41.43	\$94.47
Greenway	\$35.47	\$85.68
Hughes	\$30.65	\$83.92
Hume	\$31.48	\$85.36
Hunter	\$32.33	\$74.62
Kingsford Smith	\$41.87	\$92.17
Lindsay	\$30.16	\$84.47
Lyne	\$30.77	\$61.10
Macarthur	\$28.77	\$82.49
Mackellar	\$38.91	\$86.94
Macquarie	\$30.66	\$82.84
Mcmahon	\$29.69	\$83.36
Mitchell	\$34.06	\$86.34
New England	\$34.01	\$68.69
Newcastle	\$34.93	\$74.92
North Sydney	\$41.47	\$93.54
Page	\$31.06	\$66.47
Parkes	\$32.70	\$73.67
Parramatta	\$33.32	\$84.43
Paterson	\$32.36	\$76.01
Reid	\$38.17	\$91.12
Richmond	\$33.81	\$66.44
Riverina	\$32.06	\$73.68
Robertson	\$32.43	\$75.06
Shortland	\$34.34	\$73.20
Sydney	\$43.39	\$99.27
Warringah	\$40.63	\$90.87
Watson	\$34.41	\$85.64
Wentworth	\$46.12	\$96.68
Werriwa	\$30.46	\$85.18
Whitlam	\$31.93	\$78.73

Electorate	Total GP attendances Average Out-of-Pocket	Specialist attendances Average Out-of-Pocket
VIC		
Aston	\$34.98	\$66.47
Ballarat	\$34.49	\$64.94
Batman	\$36.53	\$72.56
Bendigo	\$28.56	\$66.29
Bruce	\$34.02	\$66.68
Calwell	\$33.86	\$69.01
Casey	\$34.55	\$67.53
Chisholm	\$35.83	\$68.90
Corangamite	\$32.84	\$62.15
Corio	\$33.80	\$61.91
Deakin	\$33.98	\$67.28
Dunkley	\$34.27	\$69.38
Flinders	\$34.46	\$68.06
Gellibrand	\$35.82	\$75.49
Gippsland	\$32.53	\$65.02
Goldstein	\$42.26	\$77.42
Gorton	\$31.58	\$69.67
Higgins	\$45.42	\$82.06
Holt	\$32.47	\$70.34
Hotham	\$37.07	\$71.57
Indi	\$30.74	\$61.76
Isaacs	\$34.83	\$71.03
Jagajaga	\$34.14	\$71.06
Kooyong	\$42.88	\$79.64
La Trobe	\$34.35	\$68.83
Lalor	\$34.47	\$72.15
Mallee	\$31.05	\$60.85
Maribyrnong	\$35.15	\$72.09
Mcewen	\$32.68	\$71.27
Mcmillan	\$32.33	\$67.39
Melbourne	\$42.04	\$80.36
Melbourne Ports	\$44.22	\$81.38
Menzies	\$34.99	\$69.97
Murray	\$29.04	\$61.17
Scullin	\$32.80	\$71.71
Wannon	\$31.06	\$56.38
Wills	\$34.97	\$70.88

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QLD		
Blair	\$33.12	\$68.40
Bonner	\$37.88	\$74.88
Bowman	\$35.85	\$72.37
Brisbane	\$38.90	\$83.30
Capricornia	\$38.55	\$74.31
Dawson	\$39.40	\$77.29
Dickson	\$35.35	\$77.78
Fadden	\$36.49	\$71.50
Fairfax	\$34.91	\$72.17
Fisher	\$35.11	\$71.04
Flynn	\$36.03	\$78.97
Forde	\$37.59	\$74.34
Griffith	\$39.68	\$79.16
Groom	\$35.55	\$69.64
Herbert	\$35.45	\$75.25
Hinkler	\$28.46	\$79.68
Kennedy	\$33.99	\$75.64
Leichhardt	\$34.96	\$76.95
Lilley	\$35.87	\$77.31
Longman	\$32.28	\$70.31
Maranoa	\$33.81	\$74.38
Mcpherson	\$36.62	\$72.46
Moncrieff	\$37.31	\$71.59
Moreton	\$38.40	\$76.08
Oxley	\$38.23	\$79.05
Petrie	\$33.96	\$74.22
Rankin	\$36.04	\$73.94
Ryan	\$37.32	\$81.40
Wide Bay	\$34.37	\$73.01
Wright	\$35.07	\$71.81
SA		
Adelaide	\$33.43	\$59.19
Barker	\$33.39	\$57.82
Boothby	\$34.36	\$59.58
Grey	\$27.69	\$55.49
Hindmarsh	\$32.84	\$58.93
Kingston	\$32.36	\$60.73
Makin	\$25.01	\$56.61
Mayo	\$31.92	\$59.09
Port Adelaide	\$26.27	\$58.09
Sturt	\$31.80	\$58.53
Wakefield	\$26.66	\$55.91

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WA		
Brand	\$35.65	\$76.93
Burt	\$34.65	\$74.29
Canning	\$35.67	\$66.01
Cowan	\$35.15	\$78.36
Curtin	\$40.54	\$77.34
Durack	\$40.67	\$76.89
Forrest	\$38.89	\$65.87
Fremantle	\$39.90	\$77.29
Hasluck	\$35.51	\$76.94
Moore	\$35.91	\$77.62
O'Connor	\$38.91	\$73.71
Pearce	\$35.34	\$78.51
Perth	\$39.27	\$78.19
Stirling	\$37.12	\$76.02
Swan	\$36.98	\$76.77
Tangney	\$39.54	\$74.72
TAS		
Bass	\$34.80	\$66.09
Braddon	\$31.90	\$60.21
Denison	\$36.57	\$58.51
Franklin	\$37.58	\$57.16
Lyons	\$35.44	\$60.74
NT		
Lingiari	\$42.44	\$88.01
Solomon	\$46.86	\$85.31
ACT		
Canberra	\$42.43	\$90.75
Fenner	\$41.91	\$92.81
Unallocated	\$36.32	\$72.64
Australia	\$35.83	\$75.22

Source: Department of Health, Unpublished Medicare statistics