

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-003

OUTCOME 3: Access to Medical Services

Topic: MEDICARE REIMBURSED DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewert asked:

Can the Department identify the percentage of Medicare reimbursed diagnostic imaging services which are bulk billed for:

- a) Mammography?
- b) Obstetric and gynecological ultrasound?
- c) General ultrasound examinations?
- d) Angiography?
- e) Diagnostic imaging studies involving the use of contrast media to detect abnormalities?

Answer:

a, b, c, d, and e)

Percentage of DI services Bulk Billed by modality for December quarter 2010.

Modality	Percentage Bulk Billed
Mammography ¹	55.8%
Obstetric and gynecological ultrasound ²	56.3%
General ultrasound examinations ³	67.2%
Angiography ⁴	16.6%
Diagnostic imaging studies involving the use of contrast media to detect abnormalities ⁵	43.2%

¹ Subgroup I3.10 – Radiography examination of breasts including mammography

² Subgroup I1.5 – Obstetric & Gynaecological ultrasound

³ Subgroup I1.1 – General ultrasound

⁴ Subgroup I3.13 - Angiography

⁵ Subgroup I3.12 – Radiographic exam with opaque or contrast media