

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-148

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Further to questions asked at Estimates 23 February, what is the total number of services offered at the locations of the operational GP Super Clinics?
- b) How many of these services are GP services?
- c) How many of these were billed to Medicare?
- d) How many services were allied health services?
- e) How many services are medical specialist services?
- f) How many dialysis services have been delivered at GP Super Clinics?

Answer:

- a) As at the end of January 2011, operational GP Super Clinics and Clinics delivering early services have reported delivering over 280,000 services.
- b) Of the services at a) above, over 196,000 were GP services.
- c) Under the GP Super Clinics Program, self reported data is collected on patient presentations to GPs and allied health professionals. This data is not collected on the basis of Medicare/non-Medicare services. This reflects more completely the multidisciplinary nature of the services being provided in GP Super Clinics, some of which are not Medicare eligible services.
- d) Of the services at a) above, approximately 84,000 were allied health services.
- e) The GP Super Clinics program is aimed at supporting integrated, multidisciplinary, patient centred, primary health care services. Medical specialist services are not classified as primary care and are therefore not specifically captured.
- f) No dialysis services are currently being provided under the GP Super Clinics Program.