

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Child Dental Benefit Schedule - cap

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Senator: Griff

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Question:

During Estimates, Caroline Edwards, Deputy Secretary of the Health and Aged Care Group advised the department had not yet started notifying families that the \$1000 cap had been reinstated.

- a) What is the reason for this?
- b) When does the department expect to commence sending these notifications?
- c) Is the letter being redrafted, beyond stating the change in the cap?

Answer:

- a) There are ICT system updates required prior to letters being issued.
- b) The mail out is expected to commence in April 2017.
- c) A revised letter is being issued to those eligible recipients that previously received a letter advising them of the \$700 cap. This revised letter will advise of the \$1,000 cap and there are no other significant changes to the letter. All other eligible recipients will receive the standard eligibility letter advising of the \$1,000 cap.