

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Child Dental Benefit Schedule - review recommendations

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

Four of the 11 recommendations contained in the Report on the Third Review of the Dental Benefits Act 2008 related to better notification and promotion.

- a) Which of these, if any, will the department implement?
- b) If none of these are being considered, why not? What is the impediment?
- c) Of these that are to be implemented, what is the timeline for doing so?

Answer:

The Australian Government considers there is no need to depart from the current practice under which the Department of Human Services provides annual letters of direct notification to eligible patients under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.