

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11- 317

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

For each of the Local Government Areas (LGA's) that the 64 GP Super Clinics are located in:

- a) What is the Medicare utilisation data for that LGA?
- b) Is the Medicare utilisation data for that LGA:
  - i Above the national average?
  - ii Below the national Average?
  - iii At the same level as the national average?  
(Refer page 26 and subsequent, Hansard May 31).

Answer:

a) and b)

Data for small geographical areas such as LGAs are generally considered confidential under the secrecy provisions of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* and cannot be released. The smallest geographical areas for which the Department routinely produces Medicare utilisation statistics are the Commonwealth Electoral Divisions. These statistics are published annually on the Department's website.