

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 – 2 June 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

**Topic:** Dental Care

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

What are the current levels of utilisation of the Child Dental Benefits Scheme by both the public sector and private sector?

**Answer:**

As at 31 March 2015, the total recorded number of children who accessed services under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule between 1 January 2014 and 31 March 2015 was 1,047,192. Of these children 20 per cent received services in the public sector and 82 per cent in the private sector. (This sums to 102 per cent because some patients may have received services across both sectors).