

**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:**

With regard to the private sector, to what extent are the services provided bulk billed under the scheme (Child Dental Benefits Scheme)?

**Answer:**

From 1 January 2014 to 31 March 2015, the private sector bulk billed 90.9 per cent of Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) services. An additional 5.1 per cent of services were privately billed with a fee at or below the scheduled benefit. In total, 96.0 per cent of CDBS services provided by private dentists resulted in no out of pocket cost to the patient.