

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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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 has happened to the government's promise on the National Partnership Agreement on Adult Public Dental Services?

Answer:

The 2015-16 Budget provides \$155.0 million to the states and territories under the National Partnership Agreement on Adult Public Dental Services during 2015-16.

In addition, states and territories will be able to continue to access the Child Dental Benefits Schedule for dental services to eligible children. It is estimated that this will provide up to \$45 million to the states and territories in 2015-16.