

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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

**Ref No:** SQ15-000312

**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 2013 commitment to delivering a National Partnership Agreement (NPA) and to support the Child Dental Benefit Schedule and the National Oral Health Promotion Plan?

**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.

The Government is continuing support of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) with funding of around \$2.5 billion over four years from 2015-16. The states and territories will be able to continue to access the CDBS 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.

The status of the National Oral Health Promotion Plan was advised in the answer to Question on Notice SQ15-000097.