

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 6 May 2016

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: Child Dental Benefits Schedule

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Senator: Paterson, James

Question:

Senator PATERSON: What proportion of eligible children are using the scheme?

Mr Maskell-Knight: It is around 30 per cent. I will get you a precise number, but 30 per cent is pretty close.

Answer:

A breakdown of utilisation by calendar year is below:

Calendar year	Number of eligible children	Number of children utilising¹	Utilisation rate (%)
2014	3,062,309	903,867	29.5
2015	3,086,278	1,019,023	33.0

¹ Claims processed to 31 July 2016