

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: DENTAL

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Can you tell me how many patients would be eligible for services each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

The main eligibility criteria for all state and territory public dental services is the Commonwealth Concession Card and Health Care Card. New South Wales and Queensland also include holders of Commonwealth Senior Health cards in their eligibility criteria.

The following data was sourced from Centrelink and is current as of 29 June 2012.

	Commonwealth Seniors Card	Pensioner Concession Card	Health Care Card	TOTAL
NSW	99,002	1,249,585	461,478	1,810,065
VIC	N/A	933,041	428,330	1,361,371
QLD	51,091	724,857	306,326	1,082,274
WA	N/A	312,885	122,294	435,179
SA	N/A	330,523	121,247	451,770
TAS	N/A	113,689	43,836	157,525
ACT	N/A	35,440	13,554	48,994
NT	N/A	24,116	21,059	45,175
TOTAL	150,093	3,724,136	1,518,124	5,392,353