

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 Budget Measures

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Question:

What is the overall impact on public dental services from all the budget decisions in combination? That would probably be one to be taken on notice. It would be identification of the budget decisions that have immediate impact on dental services. Can we get some indication of what the proposed impact of that would be? The department has that information?

Answer:

There were two measures in the 2014-15 Budget.

National Partnership Agreement on Adult Public Dental Services

The National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Adult Public Dental Services was deferred for 12 months (to commence on 1 July 2015) to avoid an overlap with the current NPA on Treating More Public Dental Patients.

Dental Flexible Grants Programme

The Dental Flexible Grants Programme was allocated in the 2012-13 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

As the Dental Flexible Grants Programme was not implemented there was no reduction of services.