

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Reynolds, Linda

Question:

CHAIR: Sorry to interrupt: is there a breakdown at all of different demographic groups in terms of their average MBS numbers?

Dr Bartlett: There was an answer to a question on notice on that and if you give me a second I can probably find it. No, I may be able to put my hand on it later but I do not have it with me. We can certainly give you that, we have provided before.

Senator REYNOLDS: And when you provide that—I think you said that you may have already—but could you also provide the figures broken down by concession and non-concession holders?

Answer:

Age Group	2012-13 General Patients			2012-13 Concessional Patients		
	Patients	Total MBS Services	MBS Services per Patient	Patients	Total MBS Services	MBS Services per Patient
00 TO 04	928,524	7,780,941	8.4	467,708	4,039,122	8.6
05 TO 09	786,949	4,522,113	5.7	457,620	3,165,292	6.9
10 TO 14	698,369	3,847,206	5.5	434,241	2,955,565	6.8
15 TO 15	145,851	981,090	6.7	88,322	711,543	8.1
16 TO 34	3,529,055	38,752,348	11.0	1,506,197	21,151,351	14.0
35 TO 64	6,166,642	93,051,368	15.1	2,070,461	47,021,894	22.7
65+	530,060	14,234,851	26.9	2,773,885	101,385,842	36.6
Total	12,785,450	163,169,917	12.8	7,798,434	180,430,609	23.1

*Patients received at least one MBS service

Source: Medicare Benefits Schedule data (Commonwealth Department of Health).