

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** Bulk Billing

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

For a) Australia b) each state and territory and c) each Commonwealth electorate, please provide the percentage of patients that are bulk billed for GP services. This data should be provided by year and quarter and go back 10 years (or as far as practicable) to allow for comparison.

**Answer:**

For a) Australia

Attachment 1:

Table 1: Bulk-billing patterns for patients who claimed at least one Non-Referred Attendance in the Financial Year, 2006-07 to 2015-16

The Department does not routinely compile bulk billing statistics for patients. National bulk-billing patterns for patients have been generated and are included in Table 1. The Department is unable to provide further breakdowns by state and territory and each Commonwealth Electorate by financial year and quarter over a 10 year period as the considerable work involved would require a significant diversion of resources from other departmental operations.