

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Health Insurance Commission

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SENATOR McLUCAS asked:

Does the HIC collect data on bulk-billing by electorate?

..... How regularly is that compiled into a report?

..... In what form do you provide that to the Department of Health and Ageing?

Answer:

The HIC does not provide the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) with a report on bulk billing by electorate. DoHA has the ability to calculate the bulk billing rate by post code using the data transmitted daily by the HIC. The HIC and DoHA publish bulk billing statistics by electorate on their respective web-sites in February each year for the previous calendar year.