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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 101

MR RATTENBURY MLA: To ask the Minister for Health

- 1) How many bulk-billing general practitioners (GPs) are currently identified in the ACT.
- 2) Of the bulk-billing GPs referred to in part (1), how many only bulk-bill concession card holders.

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) Bulk billed claims are when the provider of the service (e.g. a GP) accepts the Medicare benefit as full payment for the service and the patient has no out of pocket costs. Subsidisation of GP services is the responsibility of the Australian Government through the Medicare Benefits Schedule. Data is available via the Australian Government [Medicare statistics collection](#) on bulk billing rates (52.9 per cent of services in ACT for July-September 2024) and [health workforce data collection](#) which includes the number of GPs (649, or 418.6 FTE in the ACT 2022-23), but not the number of GPs providing bulk billing services, or by percentage of total consultations.
- 2) Official data is not available on this, as Australian Government data does not include the number of GPs who provide bulk billing services. However, most GPs bulk bill a proportion of patients in a variety of circumstances. The Australian Government incentivises bulk billing of concession card holders and children under 16 through [Bulk Billing Incentive Payments](#).

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