Question on Notice No. 62 Asked on 13 February 2014

MR RUTHENBERG asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the number of constituents in the Kallangur Electorate who have benefited from changes to the dental scheme?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Kallangur for his question.

The constituents residing in the Kallangur Electorate benefit from the services provided by several public dental clinics located throughout the Hospital and Health service.

The clinics within reach of the Kallangur constituents are capable of providing a wide range of oral health services and can if required, assist in the provision of vouchers for general and emergency dental care. Across the relevant clinics, on average, there has been a more than 50% reduction in the number of patients waiting for a check up.

More than 1,240 vouchers have been issued to patients in the Kallangur area entitling them to attend private dental clinics to receive oral health services.