Pregnancy Terminations in Tasmania – Service volume of MBS items 35643, 16530, 16531

- 35643: EVACUATION OF THE CONTENTS OF THE GRAVID UTERUS BY CURETTAGE OR SUCTION CURETTAGE other than a service to which item 35640 applies, including procedures to which item 35626, 35627 or 35630 applies, if performed
- 16530: Management of pregnancy loss, from 14 weeks to 15 weeks and 6 days gestation, other than a service to which item 16531, 35640 or 35643 applies
- 16531: Management of pregnancy loss, from 16 weeks to 22 weeks and 6 days gestation, other than a service to which item 16530, 35640 or 35643 applies
- Items 16530 and 16531 were introduced on 1 November 2017 following recommendations from the MBS Review Obstetrics Clinical Committee. Their usage has seen a rise from 2017-18 in 2018-19 which is to be expected. Current number of services remain fairly low.

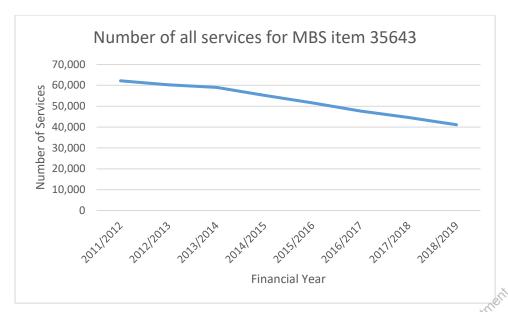
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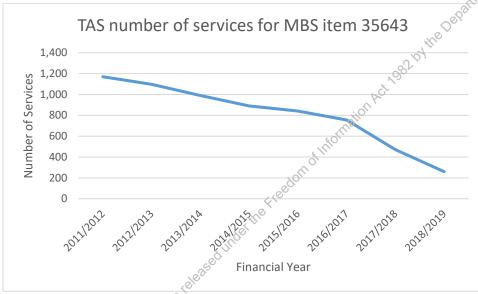
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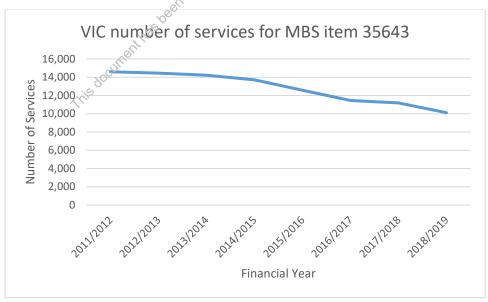
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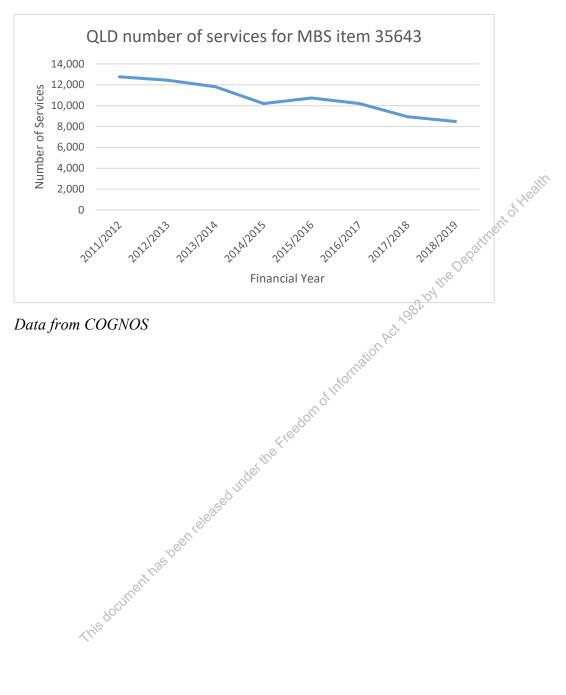
 The number of services for item 35643 has been gradually decreasing over a period of time. It is noticeable that the service volumes in Tasmania has decreased more than the national trend in 2017-18 and 2018-19. This has also correlated with a decrease less than the national trend in the number of services in Victoria over the same period of time. s47C(1)

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