

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.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

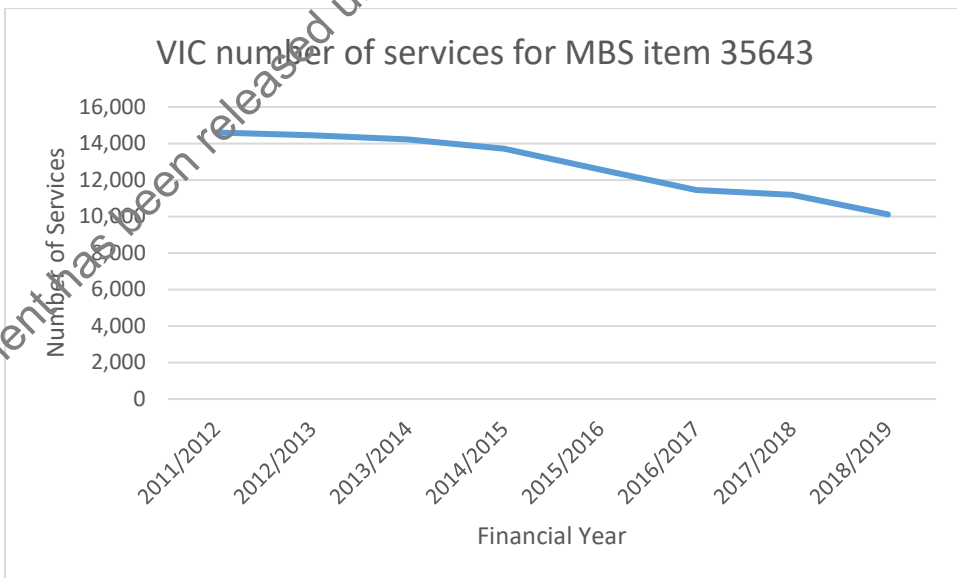
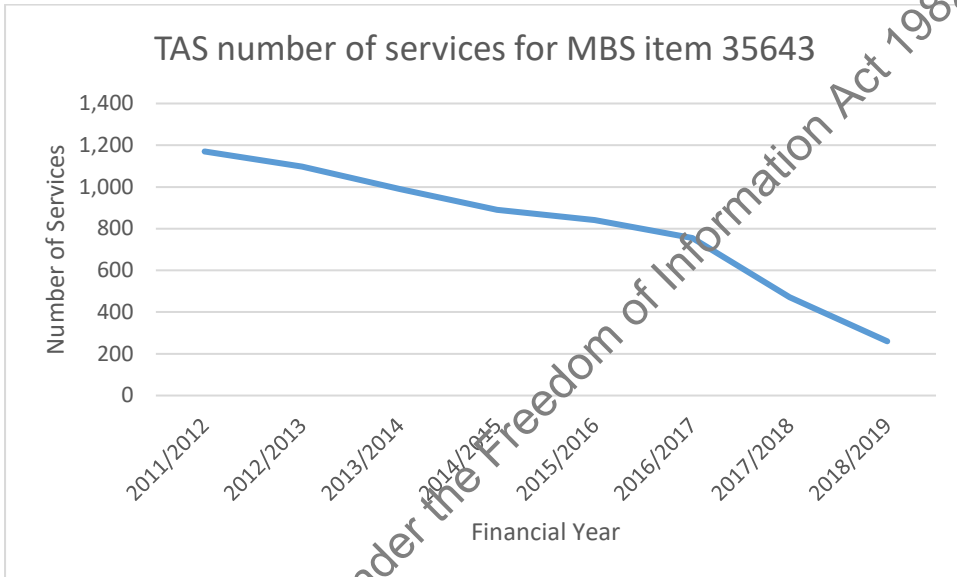
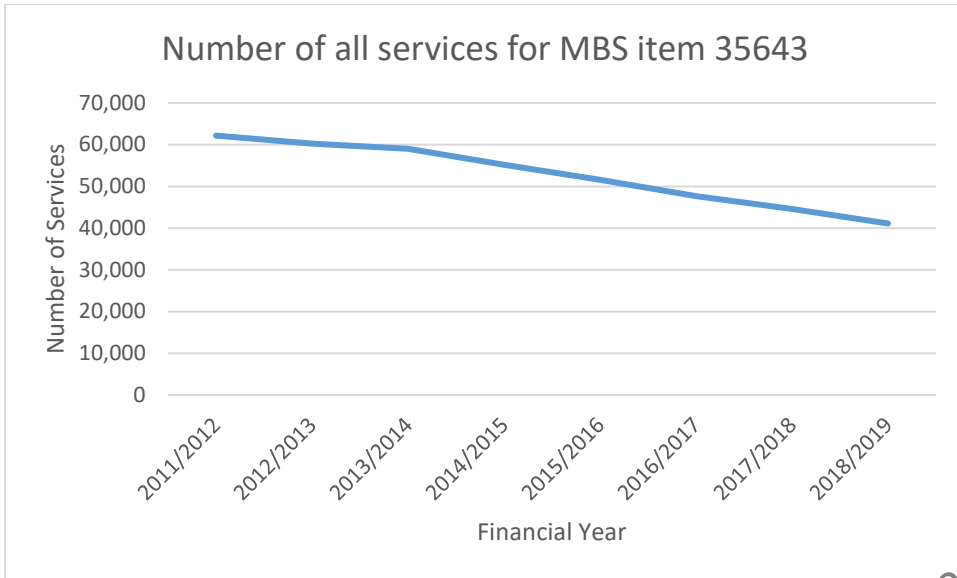
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16531	2017/2018	92	114	89	17	36	12	2	6	368
	2018/2019	194	159	173	27	56	15	11	4	639
	Total	286	273	262	44	92	27	13	10	1,007
		State								Total
		NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT	
		Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	Services	
16530	2017/2018	120	101	74	4	35	6	7	3	350
	2018/2019	190	143	140	9	68	6	13	0	569
	Total	310	244	214	13	103	12	20	3	919

From Medicare Statistics, accessed 5 September 2019

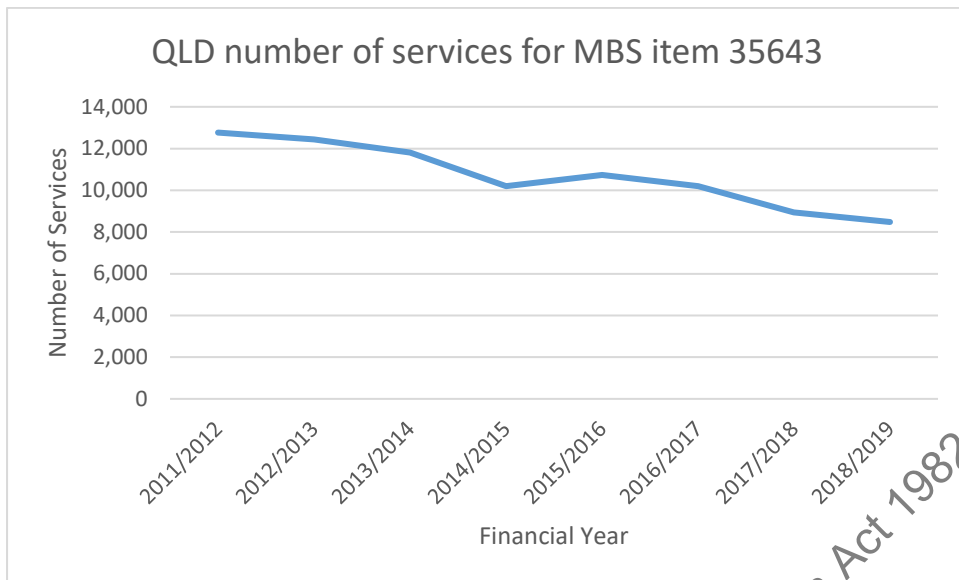
The number of services for item 35643 has been gradually decreasing over a period of time. It is noticeable that the service volumes in Tasmania has decreased more than the national trend in 2017-18 and 2018-19. This has also correlated with a decrease less than the national trend in the number of services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

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