

Brincat Anna at Parlament-MT

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Subject: Re: Informazzjoni mitluba mill-Kumitat Permanenti dwar il-Kontijiet Pubbliċi

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Dear Sarah,

Kindly refer below to my responses in italics:

With reference to the table on page 22, which shows the direct costs and the indirect costs of obesity on the public sector and on the private sector, and with reference to Figure 9 on page 23, you can't explain the percentages indicated in the same table? Can you also explain how the private sector has come to spend more on primary healthcare, for a total of 58%, when we know that in our country primary healthcare is offered for free?

Primary care in this study refers to general practitioners visits (GP). The mean number of visits to the public and private GP as outlined in table 5 on page 26 is extracted from two particular questions within the 2015 EHIS. Included in the 2015 EHIS is a direct comparison of the number of visits in four weeks to a public and private GP for obese and normal weight individuals. From the EHIS study (as outlined in table 5) the number of visits to a GP are higher for the private GP than public GP across all BMI categories. The rationale underpinning this difference is not analysed in this publication.

- With reference to page 35, where in the second column it is said that "It is estimated that between 6.5 to 13.7 years of life are lost by obese individuals having a BMI ranging from 40.00 kg/m² to 59.00 kg/m².", can you tell if these are international or local figures?

The figures indicated are international figures as per the source [99] indicated in the bibliography

- With reference to the first paragraph of page 36, where it is said that "following on the methodology adopted by the WHO in this report, we estimate that 17% of total deaths in Malta are attributable to overweight and obesity", you can say if was a comparison made with the

international situation or did you focus only on Malta's results? For example 17% is high compared to outside?

The 17% is an estimate of the total deaths in Malta that are attributable to overweight and obesity. At the time the study was conducted, there existed insufficient data to arrive at an accurate estimate but following on the methodology adopted by WHO we estimated the 17% for Malta. We did not conduct an international comparison of the estimate indicated.

- Can you tell if the data relating to medicine is taken from the POYC system?

The pharmaceutical cost is based on the total annual public sector expenditure for 2015.

Thanks
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On Wed, 21 Feb 2024 at 15:55, Mallia Sarah 1 at Parlament-MT <sarah.mallia.1@parlament.mt> wrote:

Għażiż Sa Spina,

Ippermettili nfakkrek li fil-laqgħa tal-Kumitat Permanenti dwar il-Kontijiet Pubbliċi li saret ilbieraħ, 20 ta' Frar 2024, u li fiha kien qed jiġi diskuss ir-rapport *A review of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 2: Addressing pre-obesity and obesity (July 2023)*, il-Kumitat talab sabiex tiġi pprovduta din l-informazzjoni:

- B'riferenza għat-tabella f'paġna 22, li turi d-direct costs u l-indirect costs tal-obeżità fuq is-settur pubbliku u fuq is-settur privat, u b'referenza għal Figure 9 f'paġna 23, tista' tispjega l-perċentwali indikati fl-istess tabella? Tista' tispjega wkoll kif il-privat wasal biex jonfoq aktar fuq il-primary healthcare, għal total ta' 58%, meta nafu li f'pajjiżna l-primary healthcare hija offruta b'xejn?
- B'riferenza għal paġna 35, fejn fit-tieni kolonna qed jingħad li "It is estimated that between 6.5 to 13.7 years of life are lost by obese individuals having a BMI ranging from 40.00 kg/m2 to 59.00 kg/m2.", tista' tgħid jekk dawn humiex figuri fuq livell internazzjonali jew lokali?
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- Tista' tgħid jekk id-*data* li għandha x'taqsam mal-medicina tteħditx mis-sistema tal-POYC?

Nirringrazzjak bil-quddiem.

Tislijiet,

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