

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Cross Portfolio Indigenous Hearing 2010-2011, 25 February 2011

Question: E11-049

OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

Topic: CLOSING THE GAP REPORT

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewert asked:

In relation to the hospitalisation rates (page 27) the report states that a breakdown of hospitalisation rates for children will not be provided, as has been reported in previous NTER monitoring reports.

- a) Is this information no longer being collected? Or just not reported?
- b) Can you explain why this information is no longer available?
- c) Can you provide data on the number of children submitted to hospital for malnutrition between Jan – June 2010?
- d) Is there data on hospitalisation for nutritional anaemia during this period?

Answer:

- a) This information is still collected. It was not reported in the January to June 2010 report for the reasons set out in that report.
- b) This information is available.
- c) Yes. The number of hospital separations for Indigenous children less than five years of age where malnutrition was the principle diagnosis in the period January to June 2010 is 94.
- d) Yes. The number of hospital separations for Indigenous children less than five years of age where nutritional anaemia was the principle diagnosis in the period January to June 2010 is 127.