

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 10 - Health System Quality and Capacity

**Topic:** Number of Hospitals Connected to the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record

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**Senator:** Moore Claire

**Question:**

How many are not? If we have 155 up, it would be nice to know how many are not, and perhaps why.

**Answer:**

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's *Australian Hospitals at a Glance, 2011-12* report states that in 2011–12 there were 736 public acute care hospitals in Australia. Accordingly, there are 581 public hospitals not yet connected to the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) system.

Not all public hospitals are able to connect to the PCEHR system as their technical capabilities vary.