

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Topic:** Hospitals

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**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

How many hospitals are there in Australia? How many hospitals are participating in the eHealth promotion work? What proportion of these hospitals is public and what proportion is private?

**Answer:**

Australian Hospital Statistics 2011-12 (Australian Institute for Health and Welfare, 2013) reports there were 753 public hospitals and 592 private hospitals in 2011-12.

While the exact number of hospitals participating in the eHealth promotion work is unknown, hospitals have been promoting ehealth and the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record to their patients. This includes registering consumers on site (including allowing access to other healthcare organisations to register people), and providing promotional materials.