

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: McLucas Jan

Question:

Do similar registers operate elsewhere in the world? Has any consultation occurred with any other countries on the development of the registers?

Answer:

Yes, clinical registers operate elsewhere in the world, and international experience has been drawn on in developing models for the proposed Australian registers. For example, consideration has been given to a 2012 international study that identified 13 registers across five countries for examination.¹

The models for the proposed registers draw on the successful experience of the National Joint Replacement Registry which itself was modelled on overseas best practice when it was established in 1998.

¹ Larson S et al, *Use of disease registries in 5 countries demonstrates the potential to use outcome data to improve health care's value*, Health Affairs, 31, no. 1 (2012):220-227