

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-347

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION FOR TRANSPLANTATION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Is there an official Agency policy that the register should be checked prior to the families/next of kin being asked about donation?

Answer:

As documented in the funding agreements between the Authority and the jurisdictions, staff are required to “Confirm the Australian Organ Donor Register has been accessed to establish if a potential donor has registered consent or objection to donating organs and/or tissues for transplantation”.

The Authority’s performance target is that the “Australian Organ Donor register is accessed for 100 per cent of potential donors”.