

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30 May 2011

Question: E11-489

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY

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Senator Adams asked:

How far has the digital mammography been rolled out?

Answer:

The 2009-10 Budget included \$120 million under Round 1 of the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) to provide one-off capital funding to enable jurisdictions to transition to digital mammography technology across BreastScreen Australia services by June 2013.

As at 13 June 2011, \$47.7 million has been expended. This has supported 111 upgrades including: 34 new digital mammography units; four picture archiving and communication systems and 73 upgrades of mobile van/relocatable units, reading workstations, quality assurance workstations, monitors and supporting equipment.