

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME 13: Acute Care**

**Topic:** Organ donation

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**Senator:** Senator Furner

**Question:**

What has been the number of potential donors (identified on a state by state basis) for each of the last ten years?

**Answer:**

In 2010, as part of the Australian Government's national reform agenda to implement a world's best practice approach to organ and tissue donation for transplantation, the Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority (the Authority) implemented the DonateLife Audit to measure potential and actual donor activity in the 77 hospitals in the DonateLife Network.

Prior to 2010 there was no national or jurisdictional measure of potential donor activity.

The Authority can provide therefore potential brain dead donor numbers for 2010 and 2011 only. Potential donors after cardiac death (DCD) are not reported due to the inherent complexity in identifying this potential donor cohort. Validation of potential DCD categorisation is currently being undertaken.

Despite a drop in the number of potential brain death donors between 2010 and 2011, actual brain death donors remained steady due to an increase in the request, consent and organ donation rates.

**Potential brain death donors in 2010 and 2011**

	Potential Brain Death Donors	
	2010	2011
NSW	148	133
VIC	179	130
QLD	79	99
SA	44	37
WA	59	60
TAS	15	11
NT	4	15
ACT	10	11
Total	538	496