

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-333

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION FOR TRANSPLANTATION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Can you please provide the number of payments made to hospitals for identification of donors for each of the last 10 years displayed on a state by state basis?

Answer:

Measure 3 of the Australian Government's national reform package provides \$17.1 million over 3 years for public and private hospitals to assist with costs associated with organ donation by deceased donors.

Organ Donation Hospital Support Funding (ODHSF) is the mechanism for making a contribution to hospitals toward the cost of donor-related activities over and above those normally incurred for providing end-of-life care, to ensure that cost is not a barrier to organ donation.

As ODHSF commenced in 2009, 10 years of data is unavailable.

The ODHSF payments are activity based. Payments are calculated based on trigger points and are made on a quarterly basis to the jurisdictions, except in Victoria where payments are made to the individual hospitals.

The following table shows the number of episodes of care for actual and provisional donors against which activity based claims were made by each jurisdiction in 2009-10.

Jurisdiction	2009-10 FY Number of ODHSF activity based triggers for payment
NSW Health Department	124
VIC Hospitals	142
QLD Health Department	52
SA Health Department	31
WA Health Department	42
TAS Health Department	8
NT Health Department	3
ACT Health Department	13
TOTAL	415

