

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-336

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION FOR TRANSPLANTATION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Can the department provide an explanation as to why the transplantation rate has only increased by 4 per million population since the beginning of the 2008 announcement to spend \$151 million on the A World's Best Practice Approach to Organ and Tissue Donation for Transplantation?

Answer:

Every increase of one organ transplanted per million population (otpm) equates to approximately 22 additional organs transplanted.

The Australian annual organ transplant rate for the 12 months to May 2011 increased by 10.9 otpmp to 46.4 otpmp, compared to the baseline organ transplant rate of 35.5 otpmp that existed prior to the Australian Government's national reform agenda.

The increase of 10.9 otpmp is equivalent to more than 240 additional organs transplanted in the last 12 month period.

Organs transplanted per million population

Period	otpm	Organs transplanted from deceased donors	Population (million)
12 months to May 2011	46.4	1043	22.5
12 months to December 2010	43.8	978	22.3
12 months to December 2009	38.5	843	21.9
Baseline 2000-2008	35.5	716	20.2

Sources: ANZOD published reports, ABS Cat 3101.0

Over the 12 months to December 2010, Australia achieved an organ transplantation rate of 43.8 otpmp which represents a 14 per cent increase over the 2009 rate of 38.5 otpmp, and a 23 per cent increase over the baseline (average 2000-2008) outcome of 35.5 otpmp.

The focus of the Australian Government's national reform agenda to increase organ and tissue donation for transplantation is to achieve sustained and consistent growth over time.