

# Inquiry into the equitable access to diagnosis and treatment for individuals with rare and less common cancers, including neuroendocrine cancer

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Melbourne Hearing –1 February 2024

Question on Notice from Senator Wendy Askew

## **Cancer Trials Australia**

1. Could Cancer Trials Australia provide more detail about the registration process for clinical trials on the Australian and New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry (ANZCTR) and explain how we can ensure all clinical trials become registered in Australia in the future?

The relevant clause is 3.1.7 in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2023 ([National-Statement-Ethical-Conduct-Human-Research-2023.pdf](#)) is 3.1.7, which states:

3.1.7 For any research project that prospectively assigns human participants or groups of humans to one or more health-related interventions to evaluate the effects on health outcomes, researchers must register the project as a clinical trial on a publicly accessible register complying with international standards (see information on the International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP) on the World Health Organisation website) before the recruitment of the first participant.

I think the cleanest way to mandate registration within ANZCTR would be to update that clause in the next iteration of that document, making it specific to ANZCTR. However, that won't solve the problem of closed trials still appearing on ANZCTR. There also needs to be a process, or mandate, to communicate trial closures to ANZCTR in a timely fashion.