



Mr James Catchpole
 Secretary
 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing
 Parliament House
 CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Catchpole

During the private meeting between the Committee and the Australian Private Hospitals Association (APHA) on 1 June 2005, Members requested the provision of additional information. On behalf of APHA, I have provided the additional information requested below.

1. Number of medical patients treated in the private and public hospital sectors

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	% change since 1999-00
Public hospitals	2,583,547	2,629,181	2,723,784	2,841,146	2,940,285	13.8%
Private hospitals	707,034	802,747	856,618	913,629	964,318	36.4%

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2003-04*, 2005

In 2003-04, private hospitals treated 24.7% of medical patients, an increase from the 21.5% treated in 1999-00.

2. Overnight separations provided in the private and public hospital sectors

	1999-00 (000)	2000-01 (000)	2001-02 (000)	2002-03 (000)	2003-04 (000)	% change since 1999-00
Public hospitals	2,106	2,086	2,076	2,091	2,143	1.8%
Private hospitals	889	943	973	986	986	11.0%

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, *Australian Hospital Statistics 2003-04*, 2005

In 2003-04, private hospitals provided 31.5% of all overnight separations (with 32% of total beds). This compares to the 29.7% of overnight separations provided by private hospitals in 1999-00.

3. Benefits paid by private health insurance funds for private patients in public hospitals

1999-00:	\$225.3 million
2000-01:	\$251.0 million
2001-02:	\$288.4 million
2002-03:	\$307.5 million
2003-04:	\$336.2 million

% increase

99-00 to 03-04:	49.2%
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Source: Private Health Insurance Administration Council Annual reports, various years

Please contact me if APHA can assist the Committee further in relation to its important Inquiry into Health Funding.

Yours sincerely



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