

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-386

OUTCOME 13, Acute Care

Topic: DELIVERABLE ELECTIVE SURGERY DATA

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

The annual report states at page 318 that 'Deliverable elective surgery data publicly available in a timely manner' was only substantially met. What action is being taken to ensure that this deliverable will be met?

Answer:

Under the COAG National Health Reform Agreement, states and territories have agreed to public reporting of their elective surgery performance data on their websites.

As of 6 March 2012 most states and territories were reporting data from no more than six months ago, with the Northern Territory being the only exception. The responsibility for reporting these data rests with the individual states and territories.