

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-399

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AUTHORITY

Senator Sinodinos asked:

As a result of the 2008 reform package, 160 dedicated doctors and nurses (across 77 hospitals) have been funded to identify potential donors and work specifically on organ, eye and tissue donation. Could you please quantify the change in the referral rate, consent rate and donation rate as a result of that funding?

Answer:

It is not possible to quantify changes to the referral and consent rates as a consequence of implementation of the national reform agenda as, prior to 2010, there was no national dataset for these measures.

During 2009-10, the Australian Organ and Tissue Authority established a national dataset for these measures with national data available for the first time in Australia in 2010.

To the end of September 2011, the Donation after Brain Death request rate increased from 92 per cent to 94 per cent, and the rate of family consent increased from 54 per cent to 57 per cent.

In 2011, Australia had a donor per million population (dpmp) rate of 14.9 dpmp. This result represents an 8 per cent increase (1.1 dpmp) on the 2010 outcome of 13.8 dpmp and a 32 per cent increase over the 2009 donation rate of 11.3 dpmp.

	2000-2008 Baseline <sup>1</sup>	2009	2010	2011
DBD Request rate (%)	na	na	92%	94% <sup>2</sup>
DBD Consent rate (%)	na	na	54%	57% <sup>2</sup>
Donation rate (dpmp) <sup>3</sup>	10.2	11.3	13.9	14.9

Notes

1. 2000-08 Baseline is calculated by taking the monthly average for the period January 2000 to December 2008. This is considered to be an acceptable representation of the outcomes prior to the introduction of the national reform agenda in 2009.
2. January to September 2011.
3. Australia and New Zealand Organ Donor Registry Annual reports.