

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-032

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: Public Hospitals and Information: Tasmanian Package

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

To date, how many additional elective surgery procedures have been performed under the Tasmanian Health Assistance Package? Please provide a breakdown of:

a) month by month; and

b) category 1, 2 or 3.

Answer:

To 31 January 2013, Tasmania has performed 403 procedures under Schedule A: Reducing Elective Surgery Waiting lists in Tasmania of the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Health Services in Tasmania (NPA IHST).

a)

| Category | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Knees | 4 | 12 | 16 | 7 | 6 |
| Hips | 2 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 8 |
| Hernias | 1 | 30 | 26 | 3 | 9 |
| Cataracts | 10 | 58 | 60 | 16 | 6 |
| Gall Bladders | 1 | 24 | 24 | 7 | 6 |
| Tonsils | - | 2 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| Spinal Fusions | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Transurethral resection of the prostate (TURPS) | 1 | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| Septoplasty | - | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| TOTAL no. of procedures | 19 | 139 | 143 | 53 | 49 |

b) The Commonwealth does not have this information. Under the NPA IHST, Tasmania is not required to provide information on the urgency category of the patient cohort. Tasmania is treating patients who have waited longest in the surgical category.