

**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)

<b>Category</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>
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
<b>TOTAL no. of procedures</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>

- 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.