

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question: E13-188**

**OUTCOME 13: Acute Care**

**Topic:** National Health Performance Authority Data Plan

**Type of Question:** Written Questions on Notice

**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Questions:**

- a) Has the NHPA developed a three year data plan, in accordance with the National Health Reform Agreement?
- b) Has any direction been provided to the NHPA about the adequacy or otherwise of a data plan?
- c) What progress has been made to streamlining and rationalising of data requirements and of progress towards a national data repository?
- d) Is there any information available on the total national costs to providers, States and Territories and other relevant entities of new data requirements and requests by Commonwealth agencies?
- e) When will a single provision multiple use data set be operational?
- f) What action is the Commonwealth taking to ensure Commonwealth and national agencies are working together to achieve this outcome and when will it be achieved?

**Answers:**

- a) The National Health Performance Authority (NHPA) provided its Interim Data Plan 2012-13 to the Standing Council on Health (SCoH) in July 2012. NHPA will provide its Three-Year Rolling Data Plan 2013-14 to 2015-16 to SCoH in late March 2013.
- b) No.
- c) NHPA has used established data streams for all its reporting to date. The latter part of this question on the national repository should be directed to the Department of Health and Ageing's Chief Information and Knowledge Officer who is responsible for the rolling out the Enterprise Data Warehouse.

- d) NHPA does not have access to information on the cost to health system managers of new data requirements and requests. This question should be directed to the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council's (AHMAC) National Health Information and Performance Principal Committee.
- e) NHPA uses data already collected by Commonwealth agencies such as Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Human Services. NHPA notes that the matter of single provision multiple use of data sets is being considered by AHMAC.
- f) See above response e).