

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E13-190

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: Organ Donation

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

- a) What was last year's target donor rate?
- b) Is it correct that last year's actual donation rate was 15.6 dpmp?
- c) Is it correct that the Australia only achieved an increase of 17 donors across the country in 2012 as compared to 2011?
- d) What is the target donor rate for 2013?
- e) How has this target been reached?
- f) Is the Authority setting its own targets, or are they being set by the advisory council?
- g) If this has not been decided, when will it be decided?

Answer:

- a) 16.3 donors per million population
- b) Yes
- c) In 2012 Australia achieved 354 donors, an increase of 17 (5 per cent) over the 2011 outcome of 337 donors. Since the 2009 implementation of the national reform agenda there has been an increase of 107 donors (43 per cent) or an additional 244 transplant recipients in 2012. This means that one in five transplant recipients in 2012 (23 per cent) received a transplant because of the growth in donors since 2009.
- d) An indicative target was developed at the beginning of the year by the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority (AOTDTA), state Medical Directors and state and territory Health Department representatives. It was agreed by the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council on 8 March and will be submitted to the Standing Council on Health in April for consideration and agreement. Subsequent to this the national indicative 2013 target will be made public

- e) There have been annual national and jurisdictional indicative organ donation targets in place since the beginning of 2011. In late 2011, in line with the findings of the Mid-Point Implementation Review, state Medical Directors and state and territory Health Department representatives agreed that a target of 23-25 donors per million population (dpmp) is achievable in five to ten years. The AOTDTA has developed indicative growth trajectories and indicative annual targets to achieve 25 dpmp by 2018. Targets are reviewed annually and may be adjusted according to performance and changes in the sector.
- f) Each year, state Medical Directors and representatives from state and territory Health Departments, in conjunction with the AOTDTA, work together to agree on indicative annual targets and indicative growth trajectories which are presented to the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council and the Standing Council on Health for consideration and agreement.
- g) See answer to d).