

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question:** E13-222

**OUTCOME 13:** Acute Care

**Topic:** Public Hospitals and Information

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

- a) Is there any information available on total national costs to provider states and territories and other relevant entities of new data requirements and requests from commonwealth agencies?
- b) When will a single provision multiple use data set be operational?

**Answer:**

- a) There is no data available from Australia on the costs to provider states and territories of new data requirements and requests from commonwealth agencies. However, data from overseas indicates that the costs of data reform are small and easily compensated for by positive clinical outcomes. Data reform in the Australian context relates more to frequent provision of data that is already collected, rather than demands for new data.
- b) 'Single provision multiple use' is a principle which is currently being explored collaboratively by all jurisdictions in relation to a range of health data collection and reporting arrangements. This work is ongoing.