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Senator: Moore, Claire

Question:

The other issue I had in following up through Minister Ley's office was on the process of collaborative arrangements and where collaborative arrangements are now operating with midwives in practices. Do you have any data on that?

One of the people in Minister Ley's office was following up on that for me as well. I would really like the data by state. I know it is a relatively small number but I would like to see which jurisdictions are moving more quickly on that. I know it is a decision for the individual private obstetricians to actually initiate practice, but it was one of the core elements of the midwifery plan that we had in the last government to encourage collaborative arrangements, so I would like to see where that program is up to.

Answer:

The Department of Health does not collect data on collaborative arrangements with midwives as this falls under the responsibility of states and territories.