

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-099

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: ELECTIVE SURGERY

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) What is the status of the limitation of the targets for elective surgery access?
- b) What are the statistics in relation to elective surgery?

Answer:

- a) The Expert Panel working on the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services (NPA) considered the targets for elective surgery access and reported to COAG on 30 June 2011.
- b) Over 606,000 surgeries were performed in 2009-10, an increase from 595,000 in 2008-09, and 565,346 in 2007-08. Detailed statistics from 2009-10 are available at www.aihw.gov.au and www.myhospitals.gov.au