

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013**

**Question: E13-014**

**OUTCOME:** 9 – Private Health

**Topic:** Private Hospital Standards

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

**Senator:** Boyce

**Question:**

- a) Does the Department have current or even recent data that identifies what private hospitals have or who ever had a 'C-triple-minus' rating?
- b) Does anyone know how many substandard private hospitals there are in Queensland?
- c) Is this material in the public domain so health consumers are properly informed and can make intelligent decisions about where they have medical procedures performed?

**Answer:**

a) to c)

Regulation of private hospitals is the responsibility of state and territory governments and is under their legislative control.

The National Health Performance Authority (NHPA) is required to monitor and report on the performance of Local Hospital Networks, public and private hospitals and primary health care organisations. The Performance Authority is working with the private hospital sector to develop relevant indicators and data sources to support nationally consistent and comparable reporting of private hospital performance.

The NHPA also operates the *MyHospitals* website which provides information on all public hospitals and most large and medium sized private hospitals. Participation by private hospitals is voluntary. The NHPA is working with the sector to increase the range of information on private hospitals on *MyHospitals* as more detailed performance reporting for the sector is developed.