

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Acute Care

**Topic:** National Emergency Access Targets

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

**Senator:** Xenophon, Nick

**Question:**

Is the Federal Government still committed to meeting the National Emergency Access Targets (NEAT) and National Elective Surgical Access Targets given National Partnership Agreements to assist and reward the states in meeting these targets are scrapped?

**Answer:**

The Performance and Accountability Framework agreed by COAG in 2011 as part of the National Health Reform Agreement remains in place.

The management of the public hospital system, including meeting and reporting on performance targets and benchmarking, is the responsibility of the states and territories under the National Health Reform Agreement.