

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

Please advise if there are any people with cognitive impairment on your transplantation waiting list.

Answer:

The Organ and Tissue Authority does not manage or oversee transplantation waiting lists. This function is fulfilled by the National Organ Matching System, which doesn't hold details of cognitive impairment of patients on waiting lists.

In Australia, decisions regarding eligibility and allocation of donor organs are made by physicians using national criteria for listing patients for organ transplantation. The criteria is documented in the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand Organ Transplantation from Deceased Donors: Consensus Statement on Eligibility Criteria and Allocation Protocols, which is publically available at <http://www.tsanz.com.au/organallocationprotocols/index.asp>