

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Estimates 2010-2011, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-039

OUTCOME 7: Hearing Services

Topic: NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewert asked:

- a) What percentage of newborns are receiving hearing screening in WA in public hospitals?
- b) What percentage of newborns are receiving hearing screening in WA in private hospitals?

Answer:

- a) According to the Newborn Hearing Screening Program (WA) the percentage of newborns receiving hearing screening in WA public hospitals during September 2010 was 92.5% in metropolitan hospitals and 90.0% in regional hospitals.
- b) The Department does not receive data on private hospital screening.