

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-082

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: HHF FUNDING ROUNDS

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) How many private hospitals applied for funding in rounds 1 and 2?
- b) How many private hospitals were successful in gaining round 1 and 2 funding?
- c) How many public hospitals were successful?
- d) Is there a disparity between the number of applications from public and private hospitals and the number of grants awarded to them? If a disparity does exist, why is that?

Answer:

- a) The Department received 162 applications for funding under Rounds 1 and 2 of the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF). Of these, 18 were from private hospitals or private providers. The remaining applications were from applicants in the government, non-government, university or medical research sectors, with private interests variously involved in some applications from the later three categories.
- b) Three applications from private hospitals or private providers were successful in receiving funding under Rounds 1 and 2. This equates to 17% of applications from private hospitals.
- c) 71 applications from state and territory governments for public hospitals were received under Rounds 1 and 2. Of these, 26 (or 37%) were successful in receiving funding.
- d) On a proportional basis the public hospitals are better represented than the private sector. This reflects the merit of individual applications as assessed by the HHF Advisory Board against the evaluation criteria and guiding principles for Rounds 1 and 2.