

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-161

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: COST OF BIRTHS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Di Natale asked:

Has the Department conducted any study or modeling, or have data to enable a comparison of how costs differ between births conducted with an obstetrician versus those attended by a midwife, and in the public system versus a private hospital?

Answer:

No. The Department has not conducted any studies or possess any data to that level of detail.