

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 7 - Health Infrastructure, Regulation, Safety and Quality

Topic: Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing (BHR) Devices

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

I refer to the 107 BHR implants requiring revision due to metal related pathology (i.e. MoM related) issues. Would it be safe to assume these revisions would have occurred earlier than expected?

Answer:

Refer to the response provided to Question on Notice SQ15-000151. The aggregated data in the Australian Orthopaedic Association national Joint Replacement Registry does not allow for this kind of analysis.