

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-229

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ORGAN DONOR TARGETS

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Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

In relation to Budget Estimates Question on Notice number E12- 028:

- a) How can the Authority have an effective and achievable national target if it hasn't set and agreed state targets, given that the national result is the sum total of the state results?
- b) Will the 2013 target be reduced as it appears that there is little chance of the 2012 target of 16.3 donors per million population being achieved?
- c) The question "Are the Authority's targets based on the world's best practice" was answered by the assertion that they are "informed" by world's best practice:
 - Please describe in detail the relationship between the Authority's targets and world's best practice targets.
 - Please clarify the meaning of "informed", including a detailed description of how world's best practice targets are used to "inform" the Authority's targets.
 - Are the Authority's targets based on world's best practice?

Answer:

- a) As previously advised in answer to Question on Notice E12-028 from the Additional Estimates hearing in February 2012, jurisdictional as well as national successive annual targets and projected growth trajectories have been developed and are reviewed annually.
- b) As previously advised in answer to Question on Notice E12-028 from the Additional Estimates hearing in February 2012, jurisdictional and national targets are reviewed annually for agreement by the Standing Council on Health. This process will take place for 2013 and future years.
- c) No world's best practice targets are published. World's best practice outcomes are published.

These world's best practice outcomes and annual rates of growth 'inform' the development of Australian targets and projected growth trajectories, as they provide an evidence-base to model targets and projected growth within the Australian context.