

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME 1:** Population Health

**Topic:** ORGAN DONATION

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

Please provide the data on how many requests the OTA funded Hospital Medical Directors for organ donation made compared to all the other intensivists in each hospital in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**Answer:**

In 2010, the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority (the AOTDTA) established the DonateLife Audit as a tool to monitor actual and potential donation activity at the hospital, jurisdictional and national level. It is conducted as a retrospective audit of deaths in each of the 74 DonateLife Network hospitals to monitor performance against the three key indicators of: the request rate; the consent rate; and the conversion rate.

This dataset currently covers 2010 to 2012 data and, according to the funding agreements with the state and territory governments, hospital and jurisdictional level data can only be released publicly with the agreement of both parties.

From August 2012, as part of the DonateLife Network 2012-13 strategic priorities, the DonateLife Audit dataset was expanded to capture broader data on the requesting process in addition to the key performance indicators. The expanded dataset will enable the AOTDTA to monitor the adoption and impact of the specialist training for requestors and the requesting model employed (both key elements in the national reform agenda). It includes the following data elements in relation to the request process:

- Who raised organ donation (with the options being hospital staff, the patient's family or other);
- Whether the request was managed by a trained requestor;
- The request model used (i.e. treating clinician led, collaborative requestor model, designated requestor model or other); and
- The staff present during the request discussion.