

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

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Why is NSW implementing a Designator Requestor Model and all other States a Collaborative Model?

Answer:

The Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority (AOTDTA) is working with the DonateLife Network and the relevant peak medical and nursing professional bodies to pilot two new models for requesting organ and tissue donation in Australia. A national evaluation of the pilot is being conducted to review both the Collaborative Requesting Model (to be piloted in agreeing hospitals nationally); and a Designated Requestor Model (to be piloted in agreeing New South Wales hospitals).

The 'Increasing Organ Donation in NSW – Government Plan 2012, August 2012' outlined the NSW Ministry of Health's decision to trial the Designated Requester Model following consultation on a New South Wales Discussion Paper.