

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

What is the current process for data submissions and validation from the various jurisdictions? Can you detail any plans and reasoning for changes to the data submission and validation process?

**Answer:**

The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) receives data submission from states and territories on a quarterly basis. Currently submissions are received in a password encrypted file, written to DVD or other storage device. These are then sent to IHPA by registered mail

Data is validated by jurisdictions prior to submission using a validation program maintained by IHPA. IHPA conducts further validations on the data once received, prior to using data for the core tasks, such as determining the National Efficient Price.

IHPA is currently working with the Department of Health and Ageing to implement a secure online data submission and validation portal, as part of the National Health Reform Enterprise Data Warehouse project. This is expected to be operating by early 2013, and will replace the processes described earlier.