

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015, 22 October 2014**

**Ref No:** SQ14-001250

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

**Topic:** Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Xenophon

**Question:**

In the June 2013 Budget Estimates hearings I put questions on notice about Metal-on-Metal Joint Prostheses. I have again recently been contacted by a number of women who have brought to my attention shocking stories of their experiences with MoM devices, in particular the Smith and Nephew Birmingham Hip Resurfacing devices (BHR). How many MoM Joint Prostheses are currently still approved?

**Answer:**

It is not possible to provide a direct numerical answer because the ARTG does not identify implants as being MoM or otherwise.

However, all of the MoM implants recorded by the AOANJRR relate to components that were approved. Given that the TGA has cancelled relatively few components that were used in MoM implants, the conclusion can be drawn that most of the implants that have been used with a MoM bearing combination are still approved.

According to the AOANJRR, only 54 out of a total of 29,675 Total Conventional Hip Replacement procedures in 2013 used a MoM implant.