

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2019 - 2020, 10 April 2019**

**Ref No:** SQ19-000457

**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** Data regarding number of fully eligible MRI units

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

**Senator:** Stirling Griff

**Question:**

The Department released data regarding the number of fully eligible MRI units per 100,000 people to assist in identifying true need areas. Country SA PHN has a per capita availability of 0.6, while Adelaide PHN is at 0.7 per capita availability – so how did a private practice in leafy Parkside rank higher than a hospital in Gawler or a hospital in Victor Harbor?

**Answer:**

All applications to the Invitation to Apply (ITA) process were assessed in accordance with the criteria set out in the ITA. As stated in this ITA:

*On completion of the ITA assessment process the Department will provide an assessment report to the Minister. The Minister will then determine the successful applicants in each Stream that will be made an offer of a Deed.*