



Consultation on Private Hospital Financial Data Collection Framework

In February 2025, Cancer Council Australia completed a submission to the Department of Health and Aged Care on the development of a Private Hospital Financial Data Collection Framework. This consultation is supporting work based on the recent Private Hospital Sector Financial Viability Health Check. This Framework will enable the Department to better understand the ongoing viability and financial pressures in the private hospital sector.

Cancer Council's submission included the following:

- Advocating for mandatory regular reporting, with the vision of achieving close to real-time health system monitoring. Mandatory reporting of private hospital financial data would likely assist in the development of policy solutions to ease the financial burden of cancer and ensure cost is not a barrier to care.
- Ensuring new data frameworks being developed, are cognisant of and link with, where appropriate, the pending National Cancer Data Framework.
- Reinforcing that a culture must be created where data resources are valued, shared and utilised with a primary goal of improving health and health system performance. The primary purposes of using health data are therefore multiple and varied.

Information about the progress of the consultation can be found on the Department of Health and Aged Care's consultation's webpage: <https://consultations.health.gov.au/private-hospitals-branch/7183e999/>