

# Performance report



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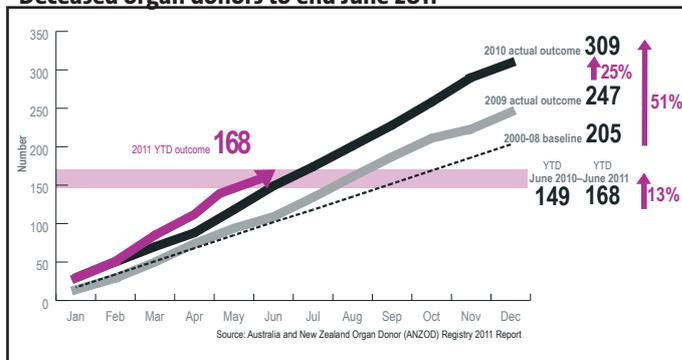
## January – June 2011

### Deceased organ donors

In 2010, the first full year of implementation, 309 organ donors saved and improved the lives of 931 Australians; this was the highest donation rate since national records began. The increase is substantial, being a 51 per cent increase on the baseline of 205 organ donors (average 2000-2008), and a 25 per cent increase on the 2009 outcome (247 organ donors).

The June 2011 year to date national outcome of 168 deceased organ donors represents a 13 per cent increase over the equivalent 2010 year to date outcome of 149 deceased organ donors.

### Deceased organ donors to end June 2011

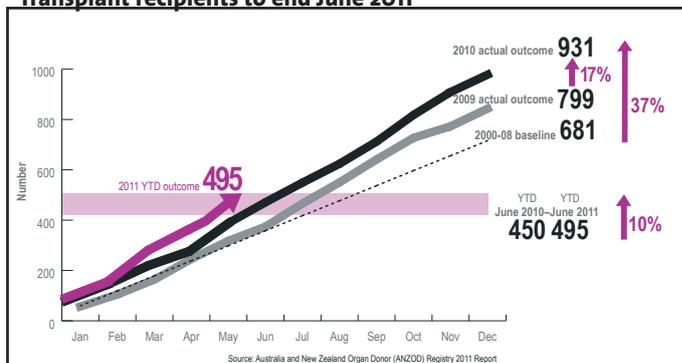


### Transplant recipients

In 2010, there were 931 transplant recipients. The 2010 result represents a 17 per cent increase over the 2009 total of 799 recipients and is the highest transplantation number in since national records began. The 2010 outcome represents a 37 per cent increase on the baseline of 681 transplant recipients.

The June 2011 year to date national outcome of 495 transplant recipients represents a 10 per cent increase over the equivalent 2010 year to date outcome of 450 transplant recipients.

### Transplant recipients to end June 2011

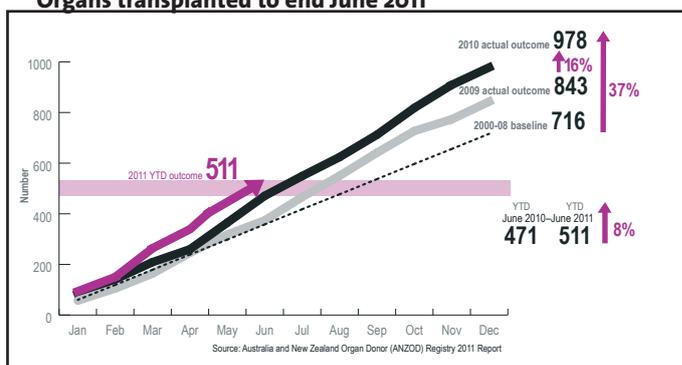


### Organs transplanted

In 2010, a total of 978 organs were transplanted, benefiting 931 recipients. The 2010 result represents a 16 per cent increase over the 2009 total of 843 organs transplanted. The 2010 outcome represents a 37 per cent increase on the baseline of 716 organs transplanted.

The June 2011 year to date national outcome of 511 organs transplanted represents a 8 per cent increase over the equivalent 2010 year to date outcome of 471 organs transplanted.

### Organs transplanted to end June 2011

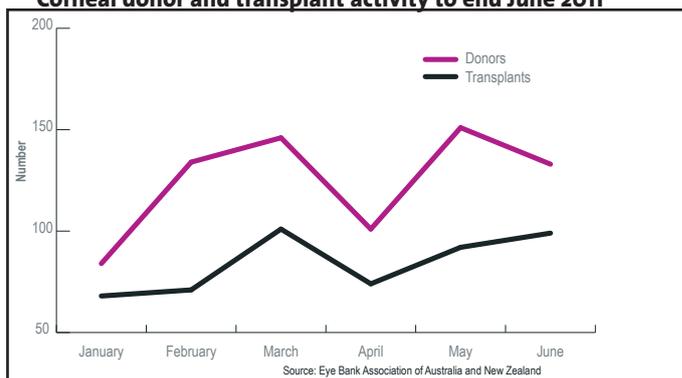


### Eye donation and transplants

In 2010 there were 957 eye donors which resulted in 1,510 corneal grafts.

During the first six months of 2011, there had been 505 eye donors and 749 corneal transplants, both measures being marginally ahead of the respective outcomes for the equivalent period in 2010.

### Corneal donor and transplant activity to end June 2011



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## Consent rate

2010 was the first year that a nationally consistent dataset of hospital organ donation activity was available. This allows collection of data on the request and consent rate at the hospital, state and national levels. The data presented here relates to family consent to donation after brain death. In 2011 around 25 per cent of donation proceeds after cardiac death. Data for this group is being verified to allow reporting of national request and consent rate for all donors.

During 2010 a family consent to organ donation was achieved in 54 per cent of the cases where it was requested. Over the first six months of 2011, a slight increase in family consent for donation to 56 per cent was achieved.

## Strategic Priorities

In March 2011, six strategic priorities for the DonateLife Network for 2011-12 were identified and confirmed by key stakeholders. These priorities are critical to delivering sustainable reform and efficiency in organ and tissue donation, supporting clinical practice reform across the DonateLife Network and collecting the right data to drive performance and inform change management.

## Looking to the future

While Australia's increasing donation and transplantation rates are positive, we are committed to ensuring that our donation and transplantation rates continue to improve and are sustained. The Organ and Tissue Authority (the Authority) will continue to lead the implementation of the National Reform Package by increasing capacity in our health system through the DonateLife Network and by building community awareness to increase donor and family consent to organ and tissue donation.

## General comments

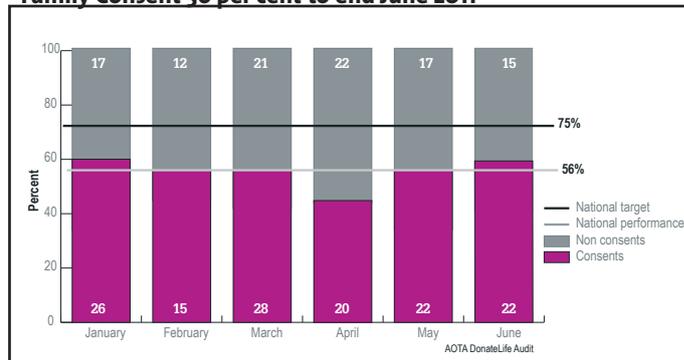
The Australian Government, through the Authority, aims to implement a world's best practice approach to organ and tissue donation for transplantation by establishing a nationally coordinated approach to organ and tissue donation processes. An enhanced national approach will improve access to life-saving and life-transforming transplants through increased availability of suitable organs and tissues. The Authority aims to increase the capability and capacity of the organ and tissue donation sector, and to create a greater understanding of, and personal commitment to, donation among the public. This will lead to a long-term increase in organ and tissue donation and transplantation rates.

These efforts to increase sector capability and capacity includes activities targeted at clinical practice as well as activities focused on increasing family consent rates.

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Family Consent 56 per cent to end June 2011



## The six priorities are:

### 1. Development of electronic donor record (EDR)

EDR supports the capture of referral suitability information, medical-social history and family consent, and provides a real time system for the offer, allocation and distribution of organs and tissue.

### 2. Hospital performance audit data collection enhancement (DonateLife Audit)

The enhancements to the hospital performance audit and reporting will establish a national best practice framework for data analysis and drive clinical performance improvement.

### 3. Increasing consent rate

Family Conversation Workshops are being developed to provide intensive training modules for clinicians on managing the donation requesting process with potential donor families.

### 4. Integration of the Eye and Tissue Network into the broader DonateLife Network

The integration of the Eye and Tissue Network into the broader DonateLife Network will deliver strategies to further integrate solid organ and tissue donation processes. It will provide nationally consistent data collection processes including transplantation and outcome data.

### 5. Development of performance and reporting framework

The development of a performance and reporting framework will provide an agreed process for collecting, reporting and disseminating data; and delivering improved access to data.

### 6. Special audiences' communication and engagement strategy

The Authority is developing, in consultation with key stakeholders, a communication engagement strategy to address potential barriers to organ and tissue donation within culturally and linguistically diverse audiences in Australia.



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