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HPERM REF: H16/88672

The Hon Scott Farlow MLC  
Chair  
Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Farlow

I am writing in relation to questions taken on notice when I appeared at the first hearing of the Standing Committee on Social Issues Inquiry into Childhood Overweight and Obesity on 12 September 2016.

Please find attached my responses to the questions on notice relating to bariatric surgery, as well as a list of the members of the NSW Healthy Planning Expert Working Group and a copy of the Healthy Urban Development Checklist.

A corrected transcript is also attached. Please note that I wish to correct an error of fact in my evidence to the Committee at pages 11 and 12 of the transcript - I refer to SPANS data where I should have said the NSW Population Health Survey. Please also note that Chris Rissel is Professor rather than Doctor.

Thank you again for the opportunity to contribute to this Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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7/10/16

**Standing Committee on Social Issues**  
**Inquiry into Childhood Overweight and Obesity**  
**Responses to Questions on Notice - NSW Health**

**Bariatric Surgery**

Questions:

How many bariatric surgery or gastric banding procedures are performed in New South Wales?

How many are performed in public hospitals?

How many have been performed on obese teens?

Do you have comparative figures with other States?

Responses:

In 2014-15, there were:

- a) 5,848 hospitalisations in NSW public and private hospitals,
- b) 453 hospitalisations in NSW public hospitals, and
- c) 69 hospitalisations among persons aged 13 to 19 years in NSW public and private hospitals

for bariatric or gastric banding procedures, including revisions and reversals.

Please note that 2014-15 data has been used as private hospital data are not yet complete for 2015-16.

NSW Health does not currently hold comparative figures with other states. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare last reported on bariatric surgery rates in 2010, using 2007-2008 data.

**Healthy Built Environments**

Information requested

- A list of the members of [the NSW Healthy Planning Expert] working group.
- The compendium of local government to support its considerations of health [The Healthy Urban Development Checklist].

These documents are attached.