

Transplant Australia

Answers to questions taken on notice, provided 30 August 2023:

Q- Chris Thomas: "I know there were about a million registrations in New South Wales that were not uploaded from the drivers licence system into the Medicare system because the then privacy commissioner Chris Puplick in New South Wales actually said, 'Hang on, people have opted in to a state system; that is data which is private to the state system. You can't then upload that into the national system.' I am not aware that that occurred in Victoria, and if you like I would be happy to take that question on notice and do a little bit more digging. It would seem from your numbers, sitting at 23 per cent rather than, say, New South Wales sitting at, I am going to say 33 per cent, you cannot lose that many people unless there was a problem with uploading the data, as you have identified." (p. 26)

Transplant Australia has sought the requested information from Vic Health about the historical uploading of the drivers licence data from Roads and Traffic into the national register but has been unable to confirm whether any donor registrations were lost in the transfer.