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BREAST CANCER DETECTION AND MANAGEMENT (CHAPTER 12)

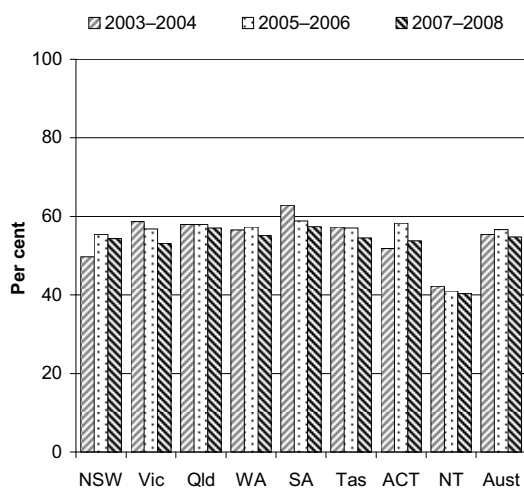
- The focus of this chapter is on the performance of governments in managing two key health issues: breast cancer and mental health. This factsheet focuses on the performance of governments in detecting and managing breast cancer.
- Governments spent around \$150 million on breast cancer screening in 2007-08 (table 12A.6). Over 855 000 women aged 40 years or over were screened by BreastScreen Australia in 2008, compared with 846 000 in 2004 (p. 12.12).

Objectives of breast cancer detection and management

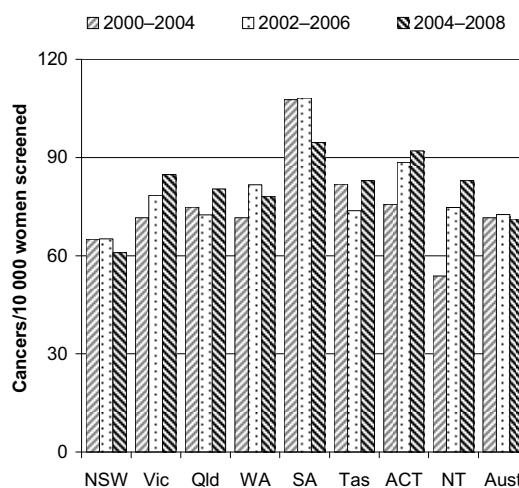
- The objectives of breast cancer detection and management are to reduce morbidity and mortality attributable to breast cancer, and to improve the quality and duration of life of women with breast cancer in a manner that is equitable and efficient.

Selection of results

Age standardised participation rates of women aged 50–69 years in BreastScreen Australia screening programs (24 month period) (p. 12.18)^a

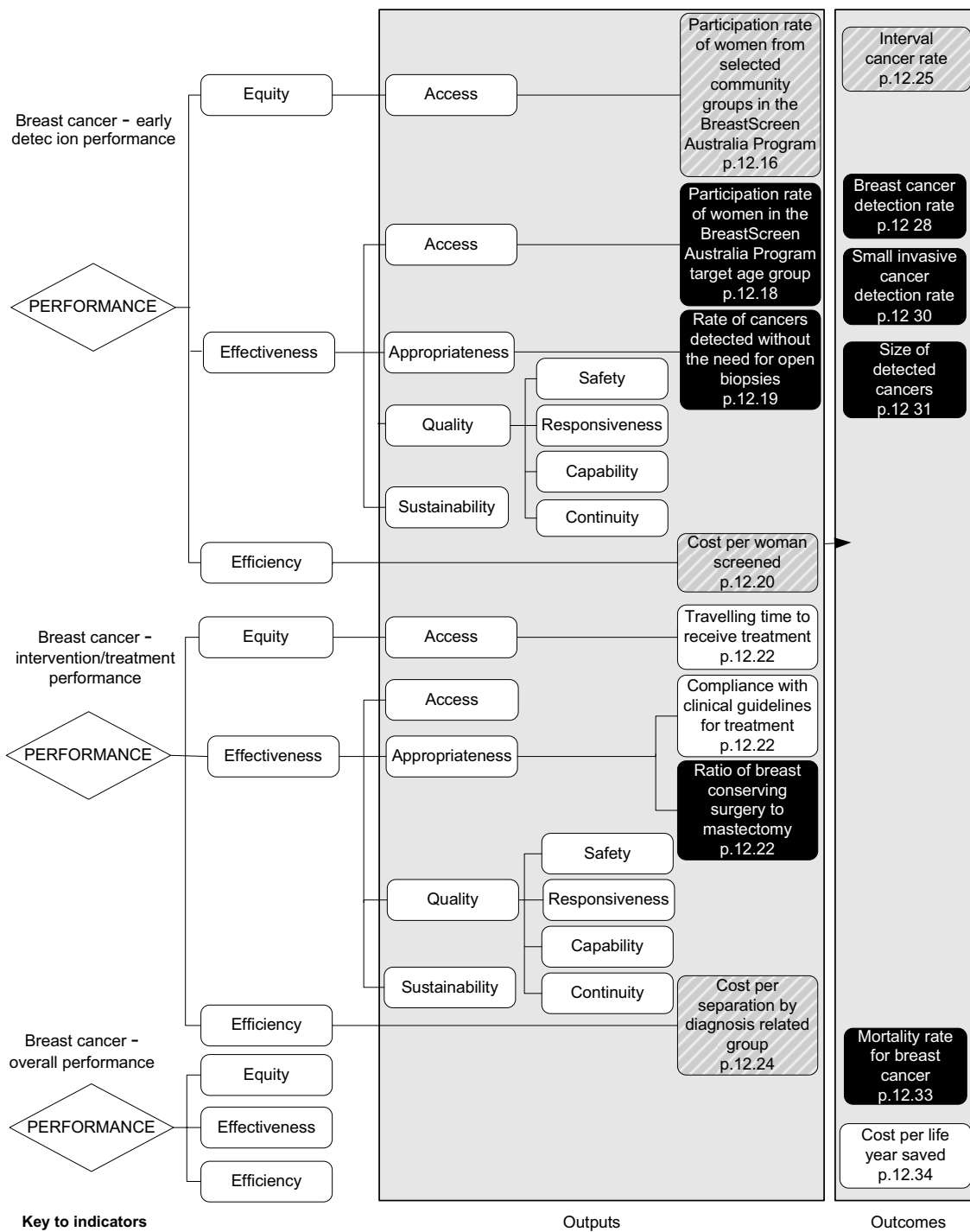


Annual average age standardised breast cancer detection rate for women aged 50–69 years, invasive cancers, first screening round (p. 12.29)^a



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically on the CD-ROM enclosed with the Report and from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2010). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for breast cancer detection and management (figure 12.7, p. 12.15)



Developments in reporting since the 2009 Report

- Breast cancer detection rate data are reported as annual averages for the first time.

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