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MATERNITY SERVICES (CHAPTER 10)

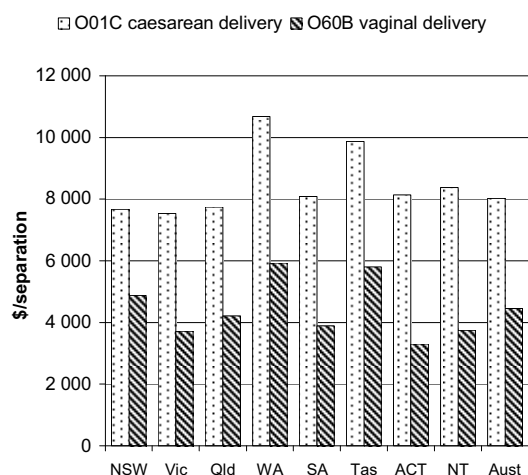
- Maternity services are reported on separately within the Public hospitals chapter.
- Maternity services accounted for 8.8 per cent of total acute separations in public hospitals (table 10A.90) and around 10.6 per cent of the total cost of all acute separations in public hospitals in 2008-09 (table 10A.89).

Objectives of maternity services

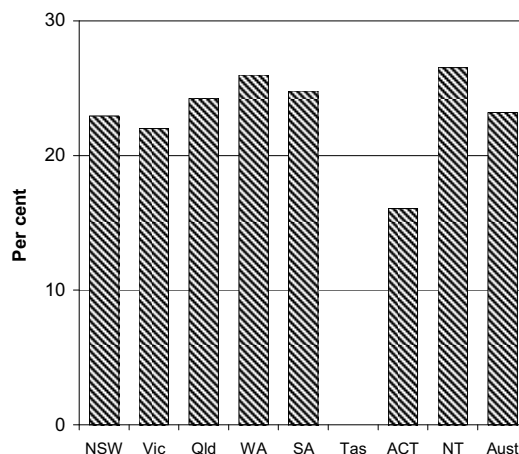
- A key objective of government is to provide public hospital services to ensure the population has access to cost-effective health services, based on clinical need and within clinically appropriate times, regardless of geographic location. Maternity services represent a significant component of public hospital services.

Selection of results

Estimated average cost per separation for selected maternity related AR-DRGs, public hospitals, 2008-09^a (p. 10.87)

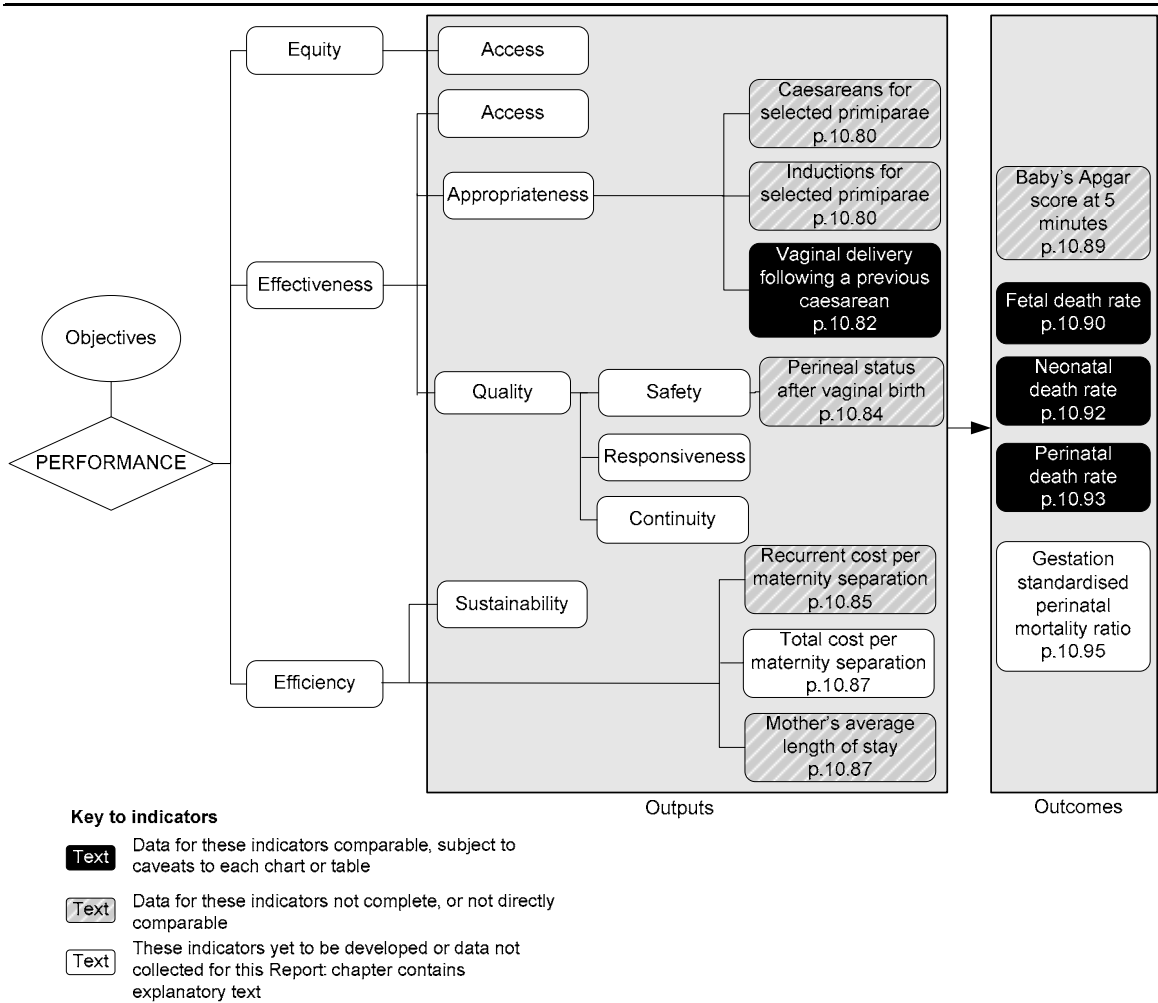


Caesareans for selected primiparae, public hospitals, 2009^a (p. 10.82)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2011). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for Public hospitals (figure 10.28, p. 10.79)



Developments in reporting since the 2010 Report

- The indicator 'vaginal birth following previous primary caesarean' is greatly improved from previous Reports with full coverage of births according to national definitions.

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Tables with an 'A' suffix (eg table 10A.5) are in the attachments on the Review website.