

Appendix 7: *The State of Our Public Hospitals, June 2006 Report*

The state of our public hospitals, June 2006 report is to be published by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing as a requirement of the Australian Health Care Agreements 2003–2008 that the Australian Government has signed with each of the states and territories. The report is expected to present a range of data on public hospitals relating to the years 1998–99 to 2004–05, using data supplied to the Department by the states and territories, and some previously published data, including data in *Australian hospital statistics*.

Some of the statistics on public hospitals in *The state of our public hospitals, June 2006 report* may differ from statistics presented in *Australian hospital statistics 2004–05*. This is because the sources of data for the two reports are different (although they are both based largely on National Minimum Data Sets specified in the *National health data dictionary*) and because analysis methods may differ between the two reports.

Notes on differences between the two reports will be published on the *Australian hospital statistics 2004–05* Internet site after *The state of our public hospitals, June 2006 report* is published.