

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Freedom of Information

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig Joe

Question:

Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?

- a) If so, which departments or agencies?
- b) If so, when?
- c) If so, how does this occur?

Answer:

Where the Department of Health has possession of documents obtained or created with input from other departments or agencies consultation may occur before a decision is made.

- a) Those departments and agencies relevant to the nature and scope of the request.
- b) Prior to the decision being made.
- c) The method of consultation is whatever is most appropriate in the circumstances.