

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11- 226

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MENTAL HEALTH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) What was the nature of the declaration of conflicts of interest by any or each of the members of the expert [sic] working group?
- b) Please provide a list of those who declared a conflict of interest including the nature of such conflict. (Refer Page 49 Hansard 30 May.)

Answer:

- a) At the first meeting of the Mental Health Expert Working Group, each member was required to sign the Department's standard Deed of Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality.

Members were verbally asked to declare any conflicts of interest at the beginning of each subsequent meeting.

- b) At the 11 February 2011 meeting, Mr Anthony Fowke noted his involvement in putting forward a submission from the Association of Relatives And Friends of the Mentally Ill to Government in relation to the Flexible Care Packages. This potential conflict was noted.