

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Question: E12 -117**

**OUTCOME 0:** Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Commissioned Reports

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

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**Senator:** Senator McKenzie

**Question:**

- a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
- b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

**Answer:**

The term 'reports' is fairly broad and ambiguous. In answering this question, the Department of Health and Ageing has interpreted it to refer to major policy associated reports, asked for by the Cabinet or the Minister. This answer excludes internal reports which are undertaken as part of the day-to-day management of programs, or which are undertaken as part of administrative processes, and excludes report publications which are produced as part of statutory obligations and program responsibilities of the Health and Ageing Portfolio.

Answers to questions a) to c) are provided in the table below.

<b>Australian Incontinence Data Analysis and Development Project</b>	
a) Date Commissioned	On 23 February 2012 the Department commissioned the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) to review and update the <i>Australian Incontinence Data Analysis and Development</i> report.
a) Date report handed to government	In progress.
a) Date of public release	Unknown at this stage.
a) Terms of reference	The scope of the project is to provide the Department with an updated version of the 2006 report, <i>Australian Incontinence Data Analysis and Development</i> , and will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a published report including up to date data statistics on the prevalence and costs to the health system of incontinence in Australia; and</li> <li>• a published bulletin including up to date key statistics on the prevalence and costs to the health system of incontinence in Australia.</li> </ul>
a) Committee members	There is no Advisory or Steering Committee arrangement in place for the project.
b) Cost of report/ estimation of cost (\$)	\$228,792.00 (GST Inclusive)
b) How many departmental staff were involved and at what level?	.01 FTE at the EL2 level and 0.25 FTE at the EL1 level during the drafting and finalisation of the Memorandum of Understanding.
c) Current Status	In progress.
c) Date of expected Government Response	The final report is due to the Department on 30 May 2013.

<b>Review and update of the Dementia in Australia (2007) Report</b>	
a) Date Commissioned	On 15 June 2012 the Department commissioned the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) to review and update the <i>Dementia in Australia</i> report.
a) Date report handed to government	In progress.
a) Date of public release	Report is due for completion in August 2012.
a) Terms of reference	In 2005, the Department funded AIHW to produce a comprehensive report on dementia in Australia. The <i>Dementia in Australia</i> report was published in 2007. This current project is to review and update the report with more recent data on disease burden, incidence and prevalence of dementia in Australia and characteristics and service use of people with dementia
a) Committee members	No formal committee is in place, however AIHW established a reference group to advise on the project. Representatives include relevant peak bodies and health and aged professionals with dementia expertise. The department also represented on this group.
b) Cost of report/ estimation of cost (\$)	\$550,309.80 (GST Inclusive)
b) How many departmental staff were involved and at what level?	0.01 FTE at the SES Band 1 level, 0.10 FTE at the EL2 level, 0.25 FTE at the EL1 level and 0.5 FTE at the APS6 level during the drafting and finalisation of the Memorandum of Understanding.
c) Current Status	In progress.

c) Date of expected Government Response	The final report is due to the Department in August 2012.
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**Options for Improving the Health Outcomes of Patients Treated With Anticoagulation**

a) Date Commissioned	30 September 2011
a) Date report handed to government	Not applicable.
a) Date of public release	Not applicable.
a) Terms of reference	<p>The Terms of Reference for the Review are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To report on current and future options for improving the health outcomes of patients with atrial fibrillation treated with oral anticoagulants.</li> <li>To report on modes of health system delivery which may be used to optimise the use of currently available anticoagulants.</li> <li>To report to what extent optimisation of the use of currently available anticoagulant treatments used in patients with atrial fibrillation would improve health outcomes and at what cost.</li> <li>To examine the future role of newer anticoagulant therapies for atrial fibrillation.</li> <li>To report on any other matter relevant to items a to d above and on any other matters referred to it by the Minister.</li> </ol>
a) Committee members	<p>Emeritus Professor Lloyd Sansom AO has been commissioned to conduct the Review. Professor Sansom is being supported by a Reference Group which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Luke Bereznicki, Pharmacy Practice</li> <li>• Professor Terry Campbell, Cardiologist</li> <li>• Ms Karen Carey, Consumers Health Forum nominee</li> <li>• Dr Joanne Joseph, Clinical Haematologist</li> <li>• Professor David Le Couteur, Geriatrician</li> <li>• Professor Richard Lindley, National Stroke Foundation nominee</li> <li>• Dr Danielle Stowasser, National Prescribing Service nominee</li> <li>• Professor Peter Macdonald, Cardiologist</li> <li>• Dr Ross Maxwell, General Practitioner (rural area)</li> </ul>
b) Cost of report/ estimation of cost (\$)	The cost of the Review is estimated to be \$400,000 and is funded through the 2011-12 Budget measure <i>Improving sustainability of the PBS through enhanced post-market surveillance</i> .
b) How many departmental staff were involved and at what level?	0.3 Executive Level 2 1 Executive Level 1 0.5 APS 5
c) Current Status	<p>Public submissions to inform the Review were published at <a href="http://www.pbs.gov.au">www.pbs.gov.au</a> on 4 April 2012.</p> <p>Professor Sansom is currently incorporating key findings from stakeholder consultations on the Review's Issues and Options paper that was subsequently released for public comment on 29 June 2012.</p>
e) Date of expected Government Response	This will be a decision for Government.