

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

- a) Have the successful applications in the first rounds of the Department's new flexible funds programs been announced?
- b) How many applications were there in total and what was the total value of them compared with the amount of money available in each of the flexible funds?
- c) What was the process for review and decision on the applications (was it conducted entirely within the Department or was there an advisory committee)?

Answer:

- a) Following the conclusion of the negotiation and execution of funding agreements with successful applicants, information on the individual grants awarded is being published on the Department of Health and Ageing's website within seven days after the funding agreement for the grant takes effect.

Reporting of grants administered by the Department of Health and Ageing is at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/pfps-grantsreporting>

- b) A total of 1576 applications were received across the six flexible Funds that advertised grant rounds in November 2011. The total value of the applications received for each Fund is set out in the following table, as well as the funding that was made available for each of the Funds through the funding round

FUND	Value of applications received* GST exclusive (\$ million)	Funding made available in the funding round^ GST inclusive (\$ million)
Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants Fund	Over 500	29.0
Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund	Over 745	68.1
Communicable Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund	Over 50	14.5
Health System Capacity Development Fund	Over 240	27.0
Substance Misuse Prevention and Service Improvement Grants Fund	Over 50	29.2
Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund	Over 165#	97.7

* Estimate based on information gathered at the time of lodgement of applications.

This amount includes an additional three applications that were transferred from the Non Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program grant round that was advertised at the same time as the flexible Funds.

^ Funding for most Funds is available over the three years from 2012-13 to 2014-15. Some funding under the Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants Fund was available from 2011-12 to 2014-15. Some applications sought funding for a shorter period.

- c) Assessment of the applications received under the six flexible Funds that advertised grant rounds in November 2011 was undertaken by departmental staff. The relevant Portfolio Minister was the decision maker in relation to the shortlisting of applications to enter into contract negotiations with the Department, under each of the Funds.