

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 30 & 31 May and 1 June 2012

**Question: E12-346**

**OUTCOME 13: Acute Care**

**Topic:** Funding transfer to Authority

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

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

The Portfolio Statements (p546) indicate that transfer of funding to the Authority is yet to occur. It is currently appropriated through DoHA Outcome 13, Program 13.3. Program 13.3 covers activities such as incentive funding to increase efficiency and capacity in public hospitals, programs to improve access to public dental services and support for health services in the Torres Strait. 2012-13 Budget for Program 13.3 is \$179M.

- a) Please indicate how much of the funding for Program 13.3 will be transferred to the Authority.
- b) When will this transfer occur?
- c) There will be a commensurate decrease in funding for 13.3 once the transfer has occurred?

**Answer:**

- a) The level of transfer of funds is currently being finalised with the Department of Health and Ageing and the Department of Finance and Deregulation. The transfer (in September 2011 prices) will be \$32.768 million (for 2012-13), \$33.787 million (for 2013-14) and \$34.251 million (for 2014-15).
- b) There is no specific date for transfer at this stage, however it is anticipated that all additional necessary steps to effect this transfer will occur by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2012-13.
- c) Yes.