

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013

Question: E13-021

OUTCOME: 0 – Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Departmental Reviews

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?

- a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names.
- b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent.
- c) If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item.
- d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement.
- e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
- f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them.
- g) If yes, for each, who selected them.
- h) If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them
 - i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was
 - ii. If yes, did they see or provide input to a short list
 - iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
 - iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
 - v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur.

Answer:

Review of Medicare Locals

- a) Ernst & Young (EY) and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited (Deloitte)
- b) EY – This information is publicly available at: <http://www.ey.com/AU/en/About-us/Our-global-approach/Our-leaders/EY-Australia-Partner---Rob-McLeod>

Deloitte - This information is publicly available at:
http://www.deloitte.com/view/en_au/au/about-us/leadership/index.htm

c) to d)

EY: \$1,408,000 (GST-inclusive) – Independent evaluation and review of Medicare Locals.
Deloitte: \$550,000 (GST-inclusive) – Independent financial advice relating to the review of Medicare Locals.

- e) No (as at 9 January 2014).
- f) This information is not known to the Department of Health.
- g) The Department of Health.
- h) Yes.
 - i. The Minister for Health approved the approach for procurement processes for the review
 - ii. No.
 - iii. 2 December 2013.
 - iv. Yes.
 - v. November 2013.

Review of the Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record Program

- a) The Review is being undertaken by Mr Richard Royle, Dr Steve Hambleton, and Mr Andrew Walduck. Nascent Design Consulting has been engaged to assist the review.
- b) Mr Royle;
Dr Hambleton, Australian Medical Association (AMA);
Mr Walduck, Australia Post; and
Mr Nicholas Nuske, employee of Nascent Design Consulting.
- c) Nascent Design Consulting: \$120,600 (GST-inclusive) including the engagement of other staff to assist with the secretariat work;
Mr Royle: consistent with policy advice on remuneration for short-term reviews, plus reimbursement of travel costs;
Australian Medical Association, in relation to Dr Hambleton: consistent with policy advice on remuneration for short-term reviews, plus reimbursement of travel costs; and
Australia Post, in relation to Mr Walduck: reimbursement of travel costs.
- d) Mr Royle, Chair;
Dr Hambleton and Mr Walduck, Panel members; and
Mr Nuske, Secretariat.
- e) No (as at 9 January 2014).
- f) This information is not known to the Department of Health.
- g) Minister for Health.
- h) Yes.
 - i. The reviewers were selected by the Minister.
 - ii. Yes.
 - iii. October 2013.
 - iv. Yes.
 - v. October 2013.

The National Mental Health Commission's Review of Mental Health Programmes

In respect of the review of mental health programmes tasked to the National Mental Health Commission, the Commission's current project planning is looking at resource needs, including whether there is a need to engage external resources.