

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013

Question: E13-139

OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

Topic: Responsibility for Dementia Policy

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley

Question:

At several stages during the hearings (in particular see page 25 of the Wednesday 20 November transcript) there appeared to be some confusion over (i) where dementia policy should be handled on the committee program (i.e. under which outcome); and (ii) which area of the Health portfolio or Social Services portfolio would have primary responsibility for this area. Please provide a clear breakdown as to which programs have been moved from the previous Department of Health and Ageing to the Department of Social Services.

Answer:

Dementia has been recognised as the ninth National Health Priority Area. The Department of Health will work closely with relevant agencies including the Department of Social Services to ensure close links and engagement on areas of shared interest including dementia. The Government has committed \$200 million for dementia research under its Boost Frontline Healthcare and Research package.