

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-253

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MULTICULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Is it true that the old provider, the Sydney West Area Health Service doesn't exist and the application for the current MMHA program was submitted by another provider, the Clinical Education and Training Institute (CETI) of NSW Health?

- a) Has this provider been considered as a preferred provider?
- b) What assessment was made of this provider's capacity as opposed to the previous auspice body?

Answer:

a) and b)

It is the Department's understanding that the Sydney West Area Health Service no longer exists and that its assets, rights and liabilities have been transferred to a new State Government authority called the Health Reform Transitional Office Western.

All applications to the Invitation to Apply (ITA) were assessed on merit against the stated requirements and criteria in the ITA documentation.

Providing information about whether particular bodies have applied for funding, and what assessments have been made about particular applications, would involve disclosure of commercially confidential information. It is not the Department's practice to provide this information.