

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-445

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: MALE HEALTH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

In the Sydney Morning Herald dated 28 May 2011 there was a story on Tim Mathieson, Patron of the Men's Shed Program. The story refers to Mr Mathieson taking three of his friends on his recent outback men's shed tour. Would the department please advise whether there was any cost involved to the government or program of taking Mr Mathieson's friends on the tour. If so, how much?

Answer:

There was no cost to government or the relevant program (Australian Government Shed Development Program) for either Mr Mathieson or any accompanying person to participate in the shed tour referred to in the 28 May 2011 Sydney Morning Herald article. Australian Government funding to the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) supports the provision of information, services and grants directly to men's sheds. There is no funding allocation for activities of AMSA patrons.