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Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

Support at Home Program

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Do HealthConsult or HPA have any clinicians on their teams

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Senator: Penny Allman-Payne

Question:

Ms Atkinson: HPA are a more specialist firm that do statistical data analytics in the health realm.

CHAIR: Do HealthConsult and HPA have clinicians on their teams, or are they just consultants and statisticians?

Ms Atkinson: I couldn't tell you exactly off the top of my head whether or not—

CHAIR: Could I get that on notice?

Ms Atkinson: Yes, we can take that on notice. What I would say is that requirements under that contract were that clinicians were to be involved in the project, and there were a number of different avenues through which that was achieved, part of which was through the advisory groups that met regularly to discuss and work through what the firm was developing with the department.

CHAIR: Alright. But could I get this on notice, please: do HealthConsult or HPA have any clinicians on their teams, as opposed to the other clinicians that you engaged?

Ms Atkinson: Yes, we can get that for you.

Answer:

Health Consult established an Expert Panel, Assessment Working Group, Classification Working Group and a Funding Working Group to support the project. Membership of these groups included clinicians. Health Consult also separately engaged expert advisors in aged care, which included clinicians.

Health Policy Analysis (HPA) did not have clinicians on their team.