

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

Support at Home Program

01 April 2026

PDR Number: IQ26-000025

Payment to HealthConsult and HPA for work on the IAT

Spoken

Hansard page number: 15

Senator: Penny Allman-Payne

Question:

CHAIR: .I imagine you might need to take this on notice. How much was HealthConsult paid for the work that they did in relation to the IAT? And how much was HPA paid for the work that they did in relation to the IAT? We got the initial prototype in 2020. You said that prototype then went to a living lab—

Ms Atkinson: Yes.

CHAIR: which had actors and Flinders University doing pretend assessments. Were HealthConsult or HPA involved in that part of the process?

Ms Atkinson: I believe they were still engaged at that point of the process, and it became a collaborative part of the project. The actual living lab was run by Flinders University.

Answer:

Details about the amounts paid to HealthConsult are available on AusTender (under Agency Reference IDs 4500136118, 4500139327 and 4500141474). Health Policy Analysis (HPA) was subcontracted by HealthConsult. The Department does not have visibility of commercial-in-confidence arrangements between HealthConsult and its subcontractors.