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Senate Community Affairs References Committee

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Senator: Penny Allman-Payne

Question:

CHAIR: Thank you. Then, if I understand correctly, you went from the living lab to the national live trial, which is where you had 22,000 people who had assessors out in the field trying the prototype based on the old legislation. Were HealthConsult or HPA involved in that national live trial?

Ms Atkinson: I would have to take on notice whether they had any specific role. The department engaged Ernst & Young to run that live trial.

CHAIR: Was the IAT live trial report from September 2023 prepared by Ernst & Young?

Ms Atkinson: Yes.

CHAIR: Do they have any clinicians on their team?

Ms Atkinson: I would have to take that on notice.

CHAIR: If you could, take that on notice.

Answer:

HealthConsult and Health Policy Analysis (HPA) were not involved with the Ernst & Young (EY) live trial.

EY had a clinician on their team and were required to engage thoroughly with assessors who were health professionals.