

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

Support at Home Program

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Appointment of HealthConsult and HPA

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Senator: Penny Allman-Payne

Question:

CHAIR: How were HealthConsult and HPA appointed?

Ms Atkinson: I would have to take that on notice. That's going back in time quite a bit. I imagine it would have been a procurement under the usual arrangements.

Answer:

In 2020 the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Department) undertook a limited tender Approach to Market to procure external expertise to develop options to inform the assessment, funding and classification (ACF) model to underpin a single unified system for care of the elderly in the home (Phase One).

HealthConsult demonstrated their expertise in the development of ACF models in Phase One. On this basis, in 2021 they were direct sourced via limited tender for Phase Two of the project. Health Policy Analysis (HPA) were subcontracted by Health Consult to support completion of Phase Two.