

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

Topic: GOVERNANCE ISSUES - FINANCIAL

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) How many audits were initiated and how many were completed last year that were not part of the normal audit process, i.e. they were initiated by irregularities?
- b) What are the usual triggers for such audits?
- c) What was the result/outcome of these audits, i.e. how many audits have made adverse findings?

Answer:

- a) In 2010-11, the Department has initiated and/or completed 12 audits of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Organisations that received funding from the Department. This has involved the use of both internal and external audit arrangements.
- b) The need for such examinations is usually the result of anomalies or inconsistencies identified as part of the Department's normal contract management processes.
- c) All seven audits identified issues or anomalies that required some remedial action by the organisations.