

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-380

OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

Topic: THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUICIDE
PREVENTION ADVISORY GROUP

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Senator Siewert asked:

The advisory group provided the Department with advice on a request for tender to engage a consultant to assist the group to develop the strategy.

Will there be extra weighting for an Aboriginal provider, I am bearing in mind the most recent and persistent comments about the need for people who have lived experience and who know, specifically, the issues.

Answer:

The request for tender to engage a consultant to undertake the development of the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy contains a number of general and essential requirements.

Essential requirements of the request for tender include the demonstration of sound knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide prevention and social and emotional well being sector and the ability to hold a number of consultation forums around the country that include key bodies and stakeholders.

While there will not be extra weighting in the assessment criteria for an Aboriginal provider, the Department of Health and Ageing will exclude a tender from further consideration if the Department considers that the tender does not comply with an essential requirement identified in the statement of requirement.