

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-017

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: CONTRACTORS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Humphries asked:

- a) How many contractors are currently employed in the department/agency?
- b) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than two years?
- c) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than five years?
- d) How many contractors have been under contract for a period of more than 10 years?
- e) Does the department/agency make a habit of employing contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis?

Answer:

a) - d)

The Department of Health and Ageing and Portfolio Agencies do not record data in a way that would readily provide the required information. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

- e) No, the Department and Portfolio Agencies do not employ contractors to fill positions on a permanent basis.