

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-048

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: INQUIRIES AND REVIEWS

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How many aged care inquiries and reviews has the Department provided submissions to since 2007?

Answer:

The terms 'inquiries' and 'reviews' are fairly broad and ambiguous. In answering this question the Department of Health and Ageing has interpreted these to refer to major policy reviews undertaken externally, which the Department has made a submission. Since 2007, the Department has provided a number of submissions to inquiries undertaken by parliamentary committees which contained issues relevant to ageing and aged care; two submissions to the Productivity Commission's inquiry relating to Caring for Older Australians and one submission to the Productivity Commission's Annual Review of Regulatory Burdens on Business: Social and Economic Infrastructure Services.