

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-080

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: COMMISSIONED REPORTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McKenzie asked:

- a) How many reports were commissioned by the Government in your portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- b) How many reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date?
- c) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
- d) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- e) What is the current status of each report
- f) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

The term 'reports' is fairly broad and ambiguous. In answering this question, the Department of Health and Ageing has interpreted it to refer to major policy associated reports, asked for by Cabinet or the Minister. This answer excludes internal reports which are undertaken as part of the day-to-day management of programs, or which are undertaken as part of administrative processes, and excludes report publications which are produced as part of statutory obligations and program responsibilities of the Health and Ageing Portfolio.

- a) The total number of reports commissioned by the Government in the Health and Ageing portfolio in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 is ten.

In 2007-08, three reports commissioned by the Government in the Health and Ageing Portfolio. Details of these reports can be found in the Department's response to Question on Notice E09-073.

In 2008-09, three reports were commissioned by the Government in the Health and Ageing Portfolio. Details of these reports can be found in the Department's response to Question on Notice E09-073.

In 2009-10, there were no reports commissioned by the Government in the Health and Ageing Portfolio.

In 2010-11, two reports were commissioned by the Government in the Health and Ageing Portfolio. Details of these reports can be found in the Department's response to Question on Notice E10-204.

- b) There has been one report commissioned by the Government in the Health and Ageing Portfolio in the 2011-12 financial year to date.

<b>Options for Improving the Health Outcomes of Patients Treated With Anticoagulation</b>	
c) Date Commissioned	30 September 2011
Date report handed to government	N/A.
Date of public release	N/A
Terms of reference	<p>The Terms of Reference for the Review are:</p> <p>a. To report on current and future options for improving the health outcomes of patients with atrial fibrillation treated with oral anticoagulants.</p> <p>b. To report on modes of health system delivery which may be used to optimise the use of currently available anticoagulants.</p> <p>c. To report to what extent optimisation of the use of currently available anticoagulant treatments used in patients with atrial fibrillation would improve health outcomes and at what cost.</p> <p>d. To examine the future role of newer anticoagulant therapies for atrial fibrillation.</p> <p>e. To report on any other matter relevant to items a to d above and on any other matters referred to it by the Minister.</p>
Committee members	<p>Emeritus Professor Lloyd Sansom AO has been commissioned to conduct the Review. Professor Sansom is being supported by a Reference Group which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Emily Banks, Epidemiologist</li> <li>• Dr Luke Bereznicki, Pharmacy Practice</li> <li>• Professor Terry Campbell, Cardiologist</li> <li>• Ms Karen Carey, Consumers Health Forum nominee</li> <li>• Dr Joanne Joseph, Haematologist</li> <li>• Professor David Le Couteur, Geriatrician</li> <li>• Professor Richard Lindley, National Stroke Foundation nominee</li> <li>• Professor Peter Macdonald, Cardiologist</li> </ul> <p>Dr Ross Maxwell, General Practitioner (rural area)</p>
d) Cost of report/ estimation of cost (\$)	The cost of the Review is estimated to be \$400,000 and will be funded through the 2011-12 Budget measure <i>Improving sustainability of the PBS through enhanced post-market surveillance</i> .
How many departmental staff were involved and at what level?	0.3 Executive Level 2 1 Executive Level 1 0.5 APS 5
e) Current Status	<p>Public submissions to inform the Review were published at <a href="http://www.pbs.gov.au">www.pbs.gov.au</a> on 4 April 2012.</p> <p>Professor Sansom is drafting an Issues and Options paper based on the information provided in the submissions.</p>
f) Date of expected Government Response	This will be a decision for Government.