

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-118

OUTCOME 1: POPULATION HEALTH

Topic: DIABETES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) Is the Department aware that all types of diabetes increased in Queensland at twice the national rate with a 37 per cent increase in Queensland between 2007 and 2011 compared to a national 22 per cent increase?
- b) What action is the department taking in Queensland to stem this problem?
- c) Do you have a Queensland-specific strategy given that diabetes has increased in that state at twice the national rate?

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) The Department is implementing the Diabetes Care Project (the project) to examine options in addressing diabetes problems. The Project is being delivered for the Department by a consortium of healthcare organisations and experts, including in Queensland, Queensland Health and General Practice Queensland, in collaboration with Diabetes Australia-Queensland and the Queensland Statewide Clinical Network for Diabetes.
- c) No.