

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-180

OUTCOME 14: Biosecurity and Emergency Response

Topic: TORRES STRAIT TB CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Is DoHA satisfied that the TB services established by AusAID in the Western Province of PNG are adequate, and is DoHA confident that these services will be provided in accordance with the clinical standards prescribed by the World Health Organisation?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing notes that the recent World Health Organization (WHO) report confirms that the approach being pursued by Papua New Guinea (PNG), with the assistance of AusAID, is consistent with WHO best practice for the treatment of TB. Questions on the implementation of specific TB program elements in PNG should be directed to AusAID.