

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-223

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: BURDEN OF DISEASE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Di Natale asked:

I have a few questions on the burden of disease study and whether there is any intent to update that.

Answer:

The 2011-13 Australian Health Survey will provide information which will be useful for any new burden of disease study. The Australian Bureau of Statistics will release high level survey results in the general population in October 2012 with more detailed survey results available from May 2013.

The Department is currently considering how to progress a future burden of disease study. It has commissioned the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to undertake a small support project on burden of disease methodology which will be completed this year.