

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-226

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT FUND

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Senator Boyce asked:

- a) [Does the Fund] only fund not-for-profit [organisations]? Or is it that for-profits [organisations] would not meet the criteria? Perhaps you could advise me whether indeed it is possible for for-profits [organisations to be funded under the Fund]?
- b) Currently, do you have any for-profits [organisations] on the books [funded under the Fund]?

Answer:

a) and b)

The Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund (the Fund) includes amounts that were committed to both not-for-profit and for-profit organisations under the existing programs that were consolidated into the Fund from 1 July 2011.

For example, the Fund has contracts with commercial suppliers such as Telstra to provide telephone services for information lines under the breast and cervical cancer screening programs, and McKinsey & Company to design, implement and evaluate the Diabetes Care Project. (See details in response to Question E12-225.)

Any new commitments under the Fund are subject to the Fund Guidelines, which are available on the Department's website, and the terms of any application documentation.

The Fund Guidelines allow for applications from a range of legal entities, including for-profit organisations, but state that any restricted eligibility requirements for a funding and/or procurement process will be specified in the application package for that process.

The first grant funding round under the Fund (Invitation to Apply 112/1112) did not prevent a for-profit organisation from applying, but it did list a number of activities that would not be funded under that process, including "activities that subsidise commercial activities".