

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-262

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM ENTERPRISE DATA WAREHOUSE PROGRAM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please provide full details regarding the National Health Reform Enterprise Data Warehouse Program tender category 43200000 – component for information technology or broadcasting telecommunications including:

- a) The nature of any contract.
- b) Work undertaken.
- c) Why was it contracted out.
- d) What expertise is lacking in house that requires this to work to be tendered out.
- e) Copy of any briefing notes provided on 11 August 2011.
- f) Value of the proposed contract.
- g) The contract coverage period.

Answer:

- a) The tender is to establish a panel for a range of specialist service providers to undertake work on the development of the data warehouse.
- b) Work has not yet commenced as the panel is still being finalised.
- c) To obtain specialist expertise, and to have multiple providers available to enable concurrent work.
- d) The Department of Health and Ageing does not maintain a standing capacity across the range of specialist services required that could meet the expected requirement for work.
- e) Please refer to the answer provided to Question on Notice E12-261(e) for the briefing notes provided on 11 August 2011.
- f) As a panel procurement, it establishes a panel of providers with specified capabilities and standing terms and conditions, with no commitment to a set amount or value of work.
- g) The deeds with panel members are for three years with options for two further extensions of a year each.