

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-268

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: AUSTRALIAN HEALTH SURVEY 2011/13

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Has the interview and collection of data for the Australian Health Survey been completed?
- b) If not, by what date is this expected to be done?
- c) How long is the analysis of data expected to take?
- d) What is the anticipated completion date for the Australian Health Survey?

Answer:

- a) The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) commenced the Australian Health Survey in the general population in March 2011 and is currently in the field undergoing enumeration. The survey in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population will commence enumeration from May 2012.
- b) The Australian Health Survey in the general population is scheduled to be completed by May 2012 with enumeration in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population scheduled to be completed by July 2013.
- c) The ABS will release high level survey results in the general population in October 2012 with more detailed survey results available from May 2013. High level results in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population will be available in September 2013, with more detailed results available from June 2014.
- d) The ABS anticipates that the completion date for the Australian Health Survey is June 2014, when the detailed survey results in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population start to be released.