

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-272

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: ANPHA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Further to the answer provided in response to Question E11-273 regarding the roles of Preventative Health Taskforce Members, please advise:

- a) Didn't the Preventative Health Taskforce recommend the creation of the ANPHA?
- b) Isn't there a conflict of interest in paying people to be on a taskforce which then recommends the creation of an agency which they then go and work for?

Answer:

- a) The establishment of a preventive health agency was a commitment in the Council of Australian Governments' National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health (2008), and was also recommended in the final report of the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission, A healthier future for all Australians: final report June 2009. The Preventative Health Taskforce's recommendation of the establishment of a national preventive health agency followed these.
- b) The members of the ANPHA Advisory Council do not work for the Agency.