

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-316

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: CONVERSATIONS ON AGEING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Further to the answer provided in response to Question E11-148 regarding "conversations" on ageing, please outline details of those invited included:

- a) Who issued the invitations?
- b) The number of invitations forwarded to indigenous and CALD communities?
- c) The number of CALD and indigenous attendees at the conversations?

Answer:

- a) The Council of the Ageing (COTA) were engaged to provide services to support the 'Conversations on Ageing' consumer engagement process, including the issuing of invitations.
- b) COTA disseminated the invitations through their substantial membership and consumer networks, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse organisations such as:
  - the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils; and
  - One Generation.

These networks distributed the invitations to their consumer contacts, and the exact number of invitations disseminated to individuals from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds is unknown.

- c) The cultural background of attendees was not recorded.