

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-330

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Has the Government achieved its commitment that universal newborn hearing screening would apply from January 2011?

Answer:

At the Council of Australian Governments' meeting on 2 July 2009, all Australian Governments agreed to ensure that by the end of 2010 every child born in Australia has access to screening for congenital hearing impairments.

State and territory governments have responsibility for delivering neonatal hearing screening services.