

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-338

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: HEARING RESEARCH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Please provide an update on hearing research, including how any funds transferred from DoHA are being used.

Answer:

From 2000 – 2010, National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) invested a total of \$46,342,863 on hearing and sound related research covering:

- Deafness, Ear Physiology, Hearing Aids, Otitis Media, Tinnitus, and Hearing Related Issues not elsewhere classified.

In 2011, NHMRC administered the peer review of grant applications on behalf of the Department of Health and Ageing Hearing Loss Prevention Program (HLPP). Four Project Grants were awarded under the HLPP Initiative, for funding commencing in 2012.

Total funding so far committed to these HLPP grants is \$1,260,399.

Total funds transferred from Department of Health and Ageing (HLPP) to NHMRC is \$3,254,509.