

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question:** E13-011

**OUTCOME 1:** Population Health

**Topic:** Responsibilities of DoHA and ANPHA

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

What duplication of responsibilities exists between the department and the agency, and what action has been taken since the report in regards to the recommendation to actively review the alignment of their responsibilities.

**Answer:**

The Australian National Audit Office Audit Report No. 12 2012-13 Administration of Commonwealth Responsibilities under the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health did not contain a recommendation concerning alignment of responsibilities between the Department of Health and Ageing and the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA). The report suggested, and the Agency concurs, that, "in the longer term, there would be benefit in the Department and ANPHA monitoring the alignment of their various roles and responsibilities, particularly as ANPHA continues to develop its role in preventive health." (Audit Report, p 63).

There is no duplication of responsibilities between the Department and ANPHA. The Department and the Agency communicate frequently to discuss their respective work on preventive health and will continue to review their various roles and responsibilities as the Agency develops.