

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-149

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Di Natale

Questions:

- a) What action has the Commonwealth Government taken to develop a National Plan of Action for the prevention, diagnosis and management of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, as per recommendation one of the House of Representatives Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee's Inquiry into Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders?
- b) Will this National Plan of Action be available for public release by 1 June 2013, as specified by the Social Policy and Legal Affairs committee?

Answers:

- a) The Commonwealth Government has requested a whole of government response be developed in response to the House of Representatives Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee's Inquiry into Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.
- b) The Department of Health and Ageing is co-ordinating the response in consultation with relevant agencies. The timing of the release of the response is a decision for the Government.