

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-151

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

The Government has provided funding to develop a National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Diagnostic Instrument. Is the Department aware of any further funding or plans to provide funding to pilot the National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Diagnostic Instrument and develop guidelines for its use?

Answer:

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. The Department of Health and Ageing is co-ordinating the response in consultation with relevant agencies and expected to report to Government in mid-2013. Consideration of the next steps in relation to a diagnostic instrument for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders will take place in this context.