Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Training - IHPA

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

a) Where did the funding originate for the Neurological Nurse Educator?

b) Given that the pilot was setup to identify the impact of the nurse and if it was found successful, was there provision for ongoing support and a rollout of the program? Why did this not take place?

Answer:

- a) The Rural and Remote Neurological Specialist Nurse Educator project (Parkinson's Australia) was funded from the Australian Better Health Initiative (ABHI), under the Risk Modification Training Support to Health Professionals Delivering Risk Modification Services Program.
- b) There was no provision for ongoing funding. Parkinson's Australia sought funding for a one-off project. The funding source (ABHI) was a four-year time-limited national program that ceased on 30 June 2010.