

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Contracts

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Please provide an update on the nature of CN2888352 including

- a) What services are being delivered under the contract
- b) How many external staff are engaged in the delivery of the contract
- c) What resources the Department is providing to support external staff involved in the contract
- d) What reports or other outcomes will be derived from the contract

Answer:

- a) The contract is for services to deliver the Functional and Efficiency Review of the Department of Health announced as part of the 2014-15 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook. Mr Jim Birch, Ernst & Young, has been contracted as the Independent Review Leader, with Ernst and Young providing independent secretariat for the Review.
- b) The number of external resources engaged in the Review by Ernst & Young total 15 people.
- c) The Department of Health is providing access to relevant staff across the Portfolio as well as a small dedicated team of up to 5 people providing assistance as required.
- d) A Report will be provided to the Minister for Health and the Minister for Finance.