

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015, 25 February 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

**Topic:** Hearing Services

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

What does the Department consider the implications of the Government's decision to defund Deaf Australia and Deafness Forum of Australia for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Australians?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health recognises there are a number of organisations that play an important role in representing the interests of people with hearing loss. The Department will continue to consult with the relevant advocacy organisations, including Deaf Australia and the Deafness Forum of Australia to help inform policies and programs.