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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Advisory Council

Written Question on Notice

Senator Polley, Helen asked:

Will the Assistant Minister and / or the Department conduct its own investigation into Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua's suitability to hold a position on the Quality Agency given her resignation from the board of Healthway due to misuse of tax payers funds?

How appropriate is it to have Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua on the Board of the Quality Agency given her leadership of a Board, recently described as "dysfunctional"? (WAtoday.com.au, Feb 23 2015, "Hames knew of long time Healthway dysfunction.")

Answer:

After becoming aware of the Western Australian Public Sector Committee investigation into Healthway, the Assistant Minister requested the Department's advice as to any implications for the appointment of Associate Professor Capolingua to the Aged Care Quality Advisory Council. At this time, Associate Professor Capolingua has not taken up her position on the Advisory Council.

The review is currently in progress.