

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-12, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-132

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

TOPIC: COSTS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL BOWEL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

Has the Department's cost estimates given consideration to the figures published in the Medical Journal of Australia on 21 February 2011 which indicates substantial savings on the costs of treating advanced stage bowel cancer that will result from a properly funded and conducted National Bowel Cancer Screening Program?

Answer:

Cost estimates for the continuation of the Program, developed as part of the 2011-12 Budget process, are "Budget in Confidence" and cannot be provided.