

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 14: Biosecurity and Emergency Response

Topic: QUEENSLAND FLOOD AND TROPICAL CYCLONE YASI

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Senator Furner asked:

Just concentrating on the Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi: the government, I understood, commenced or activated the health incident room and pharmacy arrangements. At what stage did they do that? When was the green light thrown to activate the system?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing National Incident Room (NIR) was activated from 12 January to 8 February 2011, in response to the natural disasters occurring in Queensland.