

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Senator Waters

Question:

- a) Could you describe the process of a social impact assessment, where health impacts are relevant, that the department would undertake if requested by the environment minister for such advice?
- b) Do you have the relevant personnel in house to look at the health impacts of a major project or would you outsource that?

Answer:

- a) The process for any assessment by the Department of Health and Ageing of the social impacts of a proposal being considered by the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Hon Tony Burke MP would depend on the subject matter in question.
- b) The Department's decision on whether or not to outsource the preparation of a social impact assessment at the request of another Commonwealth agency would be dependent on the subject matter in question.