

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013**

**Question:** E13-055

**OUTCOME:** 4 - Aged Care and Population Ageing

**Topic:** Workforce and Quality

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

**Senator:** Boyce

**Question:**

- a) When will the Report on the Government funded ANF Staffing Levels and Skills Mix Project be released?
- b) When did the ANF make the report available to the government - (expected to be provided a year ago)?
- c) Why has there been a delay in releasing the report?
- d) Who is responsible for releasing the report?

**Answer:**

a – d) The report on the aged care staffing and skills mix project that was authored by the Australian Nursing Federation (ANF) has not been publicly released. The ANF made its initial report available to the Department on 2 July 2012. However, data collection and analysis work were not fully completed due to delays in the project. To ensure the ANF could complete the project work over the following 12 months, the Department gave the ANF permission to have continued access to data collected over this period. The ANF provided a subsequent report on the data collection and analysis work to the Department on 30 April 2013. The subsequent report contains additional material to the content of the initial report. The initial report and subsequent analysis have been provided to the Reference group which supported the project.