

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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

Question: E13-099

OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Protective Security Policy Framework

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Smith

Question:

Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing is fully compliant with 31 of 33 mandatory requirements of the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF).

Of the non-compliant requirements:

- GOV7 requires agencies to report their PSPF compliance to the Portfolio Minister by 30 August 2013. The Department is planning to have satisfied this requirement by 31 July 2013.
- INFOSEC4 was updated in April 2013 to extend its scope. The Department is developing plans to comply with the extended scope in accordance with required timeframes.

Risk is managed through established processes and governed by Executive Committees.

The Department maintains the agency specific policies and procedures prescribed by the PSPF.