

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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

Question: E13-177

OUTCOME: 13 – Acute Care

Topic: Supporting Leave for Living Organ Donors.

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Senator: Abetz

Question:

With whom, if anyone, did the Department did liaise prior to this announcement

Answer:

In answering this question, the Department of Health and Ageing has interpreted the term 'liaise' to refer to formal meetings with other Government Departments at officer level.

The Department consulted with the Department of Families, Housing and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations, regarding a range of options including an earlier proposal for support of living organ donors.

In developing the Budget measure, the Department also considered previous input on ways in which living donors could be supported more broadly. The stakeholders consulted at that stage included Kidney Health Australia, individual living donors, Gift of Life, the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority, and The Kidney Foundation of Canada.