

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Existing Resources Program

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Since 7 September 2013 how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?
2. List each project or piece of work.
3. List the staffing assigned to each task.
4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?
5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

Answer:

1. Major projects, works, programs or other tasks that are undertaken are considered within the department's business planning framework which facilitates allocation of available resources to progress the Government's policies and programmes. Health does not hypothecate individual funding sources.
- 2 - 5. The detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources of which the department is not currently in a position to undertake.