

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 3 - Access to Medical and Dental Services

Topic: Australian Hearing Privatisation Scoping Study

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Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

Are there any plans to look at the contestability of Community Service Obligation services?

Answer:

The 2014-15 Budget provided funding for a scoping study into future ownership options of Australian Hearing Services (AHS). The Terms of Reference for the scoping study are available at: <http://www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies/scoping-study-terms-of-reference-australian-hearing-services> They include an “analysis of Commonwealth Government policies and regulations relating to hearing services, and the implications this may have regarding future ownership options of AHS”.