

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: Hearing Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Moore

Question:

- a) Which organisations were involved in the preliminary rounds of the scoping study (into the privatisation of Australian Hearing) work?
- b) What organisations or groups are being consulted as part of the further consultations on the privatisation of Australian Hearing?
- c) Which of these organisations were not represented in the first round of consultations?

Answer:

- a) Organisations that the scoping study advisors either spoke with, or reviewed submissions from, are indicated with 'Yes' under the 'Scoping Study' column in the table below.
- b) Stakeholders invited to targeted information sessions are indicated with 'Yes' under the 'Information session' column in the table below. These sessions were focused on the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The Department of Finance also attended the sessions and presented information on the key scoping study findings.
- c) Organisations not involved in either providing input to the scoping study process or the information sessions are marked with 'No' under the respective columns of the table below.

Stakeholder	Input to Scoping Study	Information sessions
ACT Deafness Resource Centre	Represented by Deafness Forum	Yes
Amplifion	Yes	Represented by HCIA
Audiology Australia	Yes	Yes
Aussie Deaf Kids	Yes	Yes
Australasian College of Ear, Nose and Throat Physicians	No	Yes
Australian and NZ Association of Neurologists	No	Yes
Australian Association of Audiologists in Private Practice	No	Yes
Australian College of Audiology	No	Yes

Stakeholder	Input to Scoping Study	Information sessions
Australian Hearing Board and management - including National Acoustic Laboratories management	Yes	Ongoing discussions and separate briefing
Australian Medical Association	No	Yes
Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery	No	Yes
Better Hearing Australia (Victoria)	Yes	Yes
Canberra Deaf Children's Association	Yes	Yes
CheckUP	Yes	No
Children with Disability Australia	No	Yes
Cochlear Limited	Yes	No
Consumer Health Forum of Australia	No	Yes
Deaf Children Australia	Represented by Deafness Forum	Yes
Deaf Society of NSW	No	Yes
Deafness Council of WA	No	Yes
Deafness Forum of Australia	Yes	Yes
Department of Health	Yes	Yes
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Yes	No
Department of Social Services	Yes	Yes
Department of the Treasury	Yes	No
Department of Veterans' Affairs	Yes	No
EARtrak	Yes	No
First Peoples Disability Network Australia	No	Yes
First Voice/The Shepherd Centre	Yes	Yes
Flinders University	Yes	No
General Surgeons Australia	No	Yes
Hear and Say	Represented by Deafness Forum	Yes
Hearing Aid Audiometrist Society of Australia	No	Yes
Hearing Care Industry Association	Yes	Separate briefing
La Trobe University	Yes	No
Macquarie University	Yes	No
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (also representing the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance)	No	Yes
National Disability Insurance Agency	Yes	Yes
National Disability Services	No	Yes
National Ethnic Disability Alliance	No	Yes
National Rural Health Alliance	No	Yes
Parents of Deaf Children	Yes	Yes
People with Disability Australia	No	Yes
Private equity firms	Yes	N/A
Royal Australasian College of Physicians	No	Yes
Royal College of Surgeons	No	Yes
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children	Yes	Yes

Stakeholder	Input to Scoping Study	Information sessions
Rural Health West	Yes	No
Self Help for Hard of Hearing People	Yes	Yes
Services for Rural and Remote Allied Health	No	Yes
Sivantos Group (Siemens)	Yes	No
Sonova	Yes	No
Territory Wide Health Services	Yes	No
University of Melbourne	Yes	No
University of Queensland	Yes	No
University of Western Australia	Yes	No
Widex	Yes	Represented by HCIA
William Demant	Yes	No
Women with Disabilities Australia	No	Yes