

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Abetz, Eric

Question:

Senator ABETZ: In previous years has it also been the case that they have rolled over and you have had continuing investigations? The figure I have is 59 in 2012-13 rolled over to be 59 in 2013-14 and then 226 in 2014-15. In that figure of 226, could we assume that some of the 59 from the previous year are added in?

Dr Studdert: I think that would be correct.

Senator ABETZ: That is what I wanted to check. In the event that that is not correct, could you get back to us on notice please. I would be much obliged.

Dr Studdert: Absolutely.

Answer:

It is correct that the figures in each year, as stated on the day of the Budget Estimates 2017-2018 hearing, include investigations of complaints that may have been received in the previous year.