

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Health System Policy, Design and Innovation

Topic: Research Funding

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

- a) Will there be any changes to how submissions are assessed for funding under the new grants scheme?
- b) Are applications currently assessed by people with expertise in the relevant field? If not, why not?

Answer:

- a) Expert peer reviewers will continue to assess applications under the new grant program. Changes to the details of expert peer review processes are under consideration for some grant schemes. Consultation on these possible changes will occur before being finalised and implemented in late 2018-early 2019.
- b) Yes. Applications are currently assessed by experts in the field.