

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 May 2017

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Health Care Homes

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

- a) Regarding the appointment of contractor Health Policy Analysis to evaluate the Health Care Homes program, what was the selection process?
- b) Was this an open tender?
- c) What is the cost of this evaluation?
- d) HPA is contracted for the stage 1 evaluation. Is there any part of the contract that provides for additional or extended contracts?

Answer:

- a) The Department used an existing panel arrangement to procure the Health Care Home evaluation. A panel is an arrangement between the Commonwealth and a group of suppliers to provide a common range of goods or services often at a set cost for good or hourly rates for services.

The Department requested quotations from all members of the Program Reviewers and Evaluators Panel (SON2647271).

Quotations were assessed against a set of criteria that were detailed in the Request for Quotation. These included: the proposed evaluation design, approach and methodology; the capacity and experience of the Panellist; and value for money.

- b) The panel was created through an open tender process.
- c) The total value of the contract, over the three year period from December 2016 to December 2019 is \$3,135,369 (GST inclusive).
- d) The Official Order with Health Policy Analysis relates only to the evaluation of stage one of Health Care Homes. Further evaluation activity would need to be submitted to the Program Reviewers and Evaluators panel for quotation.