

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Estimates 2010-2011, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-038

OUTCOME 7: Hearing Services

Topic: NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewert asked:

Is it intended that the screening program be carried out in both public and private hospitals?

Answer:

Yes. A universal neonatal hearing screening program conducted by state and territory governments is intended to provide all Australian newborns with assessment for hearing loss as early as possible.