

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-142

OUTCOME 14: Biosecurity and Emergency Response

Topic: COST OF THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Now that you look back, what is the total cost of the whole pandemic, if I could put it under that umbrella, rather than separate from the usual seasonal flu?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing's (DoHA) expenditure for the pandemic (H1N1) influenza 2009 response totalled \$204.297 million (GST exclusive). This was funded by redirecting existing resources and through new money provided in the 2009-10 Budget.