

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-166

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: ELECTION COMMITMENTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Were any of the government's election promises in your portfolio costed before the election was called by the department or Treasury or Finance?
- b) If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.
- c) Had your department or any agency in your portfolio provided information on any of the government's election promises in your portfolio to the Government before the election was called?
- d) Was any work done on formulating any of the Government's election commitments?
- e) If so, which ones? Provide details of what work was done.

Answer:

a – e)

The costing of election promises by the Treasury and the Department of Finance and Deregulation is a matter for those portfolios.

The Department of Health and Ageing provides advice on new policy proposals to Government on a regular basis. Such advice to Government is confidential and not publicly released.