

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-194

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: ELECTORAL REPORTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Has electoral specific data been used by the current Government in any grants scheme since November 2007?

Answer:

No. Grants in the Health and Ageing portfolio are not implemented or allocated differentially on the basis of Commonwealth electorates. Decisions and assessments for grant eligibility are determined on a needs basis and not by Commonwealth electorate boundaries. All grants are administered in accordance with the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines released by the Department of Finance and Deregulation in July 2009. The department's Annual Report and the Portfolio Budget Statements set out information about its grants for administered funds.