

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-217

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: COMMONWEALTH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed the establishment of Commonwealth Property Management Framework. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies?
- b) Has the implementation of this Framework lead to savings in your portfolio? Please provide details.

Answer:

- a) The Commonwealth Property Management Framework applies to the Department of Health and Ageing (the Department) and its portfolio agencies to leases that exceed 500 square metres.
- b) The Framework is being applied in respect of all new leases negotiated and refurbishments which will result in overall savings being generated.

The Department has incorporated relocating from inefficient space within its portfolio to space which meets the 16m<sup>2</sup> per occupied work point density target as part of its Strategic Accommodation Plan.