

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-328

OUTCOME 12: Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Can you provide the staffing structure and names of the Rural Health division of DOHA, including any changes that have been made since the agreement between the Prime Minister and various independents?
- b) Can DOHA provide a list of rural health organisations that it funds and their contact details?
- c) Can this list include competitive grant round recipients, the subject of funding, their funding timelines and the current disbursement status?
- d) Which organisations have had funding (triennial or otherwise) reduced, suspended or terminated?
- e) Provide a list of all announced, opened, closed competitive grant rounds since 1 January 2008 and note any where delays exist and reasons for those delays

Answer:

- a) The Office of Rural Health organisational structure with relevant contacts is at Attachment A. This structure has not been altered since the agreement between the Prime Minister and the Independent Members of Parliament was made.
- b) A table listing the rural health organisations funded by the Department and contact details is provided at Attachment B. (Note, the organisations included here are funded by DoHA to organise and manage programs on its behalf. Organisations including companies that are contracted directly to provide services are not included).
- c) The National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program is the only competitive grant program funded by the Office of Rural Health. The list at Attachment C details recipients and project payments.
- d) A contract with the Australian Society of Anaesthetists (ASA) to administer the General Practice Anaesthetist Locum Scheme (GPALS) was terminated by mutual agreement in October 2010.

- e) The National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program is the only competitive grant program funded by the Office of Rural Health.

Round	Opened	Closed	Announced
1 a	20 September 2008	17 October 2008	29 January 2009
1 b			12 May 2009
2	8 November 2008	19 December 2008	18 June 2009
3	28 February 2009	17 April 2009	29 October 2009
4	14 November 2009	29 January 2010	22 October 2010
5	10 July 2010	30 September 2010	TBA