

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-375

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: HEALTH AND HOSPITALS FUND

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) On what criteria were round 1 and 2 applications assessed?
- b) Did the hospital ownership structure (i.e. public or private) affect how the application was assessed?
- c) Were private hospitals disadvantaged in the assessment of applications on the basis that were private hospitals and not public hospitals?
- d) Putting together an application for funding takes a considerable amount of time and effort, how did the Department communicate the outcome with the unsuccessful applicants?
- e) Did the Department notify unsuccessful applicants?
- f) Did the Department provide formal or informal feedback to unsuccessful applicants?
- g) When was this feedback given?
- h) If so, what form did this feedback take? Was it outlined in writing?
- i) If no feedback was given, why did the Department not provide formal feedback to unsuccessful applicants – even when they request it?
- j) Private hospital asked for feedback as to why their applicants were not successful. Why did they receive no feedback?

Answer:

a) Please see response to E10-113.

b) No.

c) No.

d and e)

Unsuccessful applications were notified in writing of the outcomes of Rounds 1 and 2.

f) Please see response to E10-083.

g) Please see response to E10-083.

h) Please see response to E10-083.

j) All applicants that sought feedback from the Department were provided with such advice.