

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-376

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: HEALTH AND HOSPITALS FUND

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Will the department provide a copy of the assessment criteria for rounds 1 to 3?
- b) Will the department provide documentation relating to the assessment of applicants in rounds 1 and 2, and explanation of why decisions were made to fund these applications.

Answer:

- a) A copy of the assessment criteria for Rounds 1, 2 and 3 have been provided in response to question E10-113.

In addition, a copy of the additional guidance for Round 3 is provided at Attachment A.

- b) Applications were assessed in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Funding Application and Assessment Guidelines.

The Health and Hospitals Fund Advisory Board assessed the applications against the evaluation criteria and provided advice to the Minister as to whether applications satisfied the criteria.

Decisions as to the funding of applications were a matter for government, noting that the Government could only fund applications that were considered by the Advisory Board to satisfy the criteria.