

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: TYPE 2 DIABETES

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Re guidelines in relation to the components of the type 2 diabetes risk evaluation. I have this document stating, 'Important notice, suspension of accreditation ... new applications for accreditation will not be accepted for processing after 1 December 2009'. It is from the website. I have a printout. It was printed out on 13 July. It states, 'Please note that the Department of Health and Ageing is currently reviewing the lifestyle modification program component of the Australian Government Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes program' and that the aim of the review is to identify areas of improvement leading to increased accessibility.

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing has conducted an informal review of the lifestyle modification component to address low uptake under the program.

A number of strategies have been implemented in 2010 to improve program uptake, including:

- the provision of seed and pilot grants to Divisions of General Practice to provide and increase uptake of lifestyle modification programs; and
- lowering the required score under the AUSDRISK tool for lifestyle modification program eligibility from 15 to 12.