

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-401

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: BINGE DRINKING – SPONSORSHIP FUND

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Senator Siewert asked:

At what stage do you expect that people could start applying for that [the \$25 million Community Sponsorship Fund] and that the fund will start rolling out?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing released a consultation paper on the Community Sponsorship Fund (the Fund), which was circulated to community and peak body stakeholders on 27 October 2010, with submissions requested by 19 November 2010. The Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Nicola Roxon MP, also wrote to all MPs and Senators advising them of the consultation and inviting comments. The consultation paper is available on the Department's www.alcohol.gov.au website.

Following the consultation period and consideration of feedback, it is expected that the Fund will be established in 2011 and applications will be invited from community-based sporting and cultural organisations.