

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 21 October 2011

Question: E11-219

OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

Topic: APPOINTMENT AND CONTRACT FOR THOMAS CALMA

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

Concerning the direct contract to Calma, Thomas Edwin T/A Tom Calma To provide a National Coordinator Tackling Indigenous Smoking (26/03/2010 31/07/2013 Direct \$694,000) Details of his appointment here:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr10-ws-ws012.htm>

- a) Please outline the selection process for appointing the National Coordinator Tackling Indigenous Smoking.
- b) How many people applied?
- c) How many applicants were considered?
- d) Did the Department engage a recruitment agency to conduct the recruitment process?
- e) If so, how much did that cost?

Answer:

- a) The position was originally advertised on 20 August 2009 through a tender process. Applications closed on 30 September 2009 and no suitable applicants were received during this time. The Department then engaged a recruitment agency to conduct an executive recruitment process including national advertisement and approaches to key individuals for the position.
- b) 18 people expressed interest in the position.
- c) 18 applicants were considered for the position.
- d) The Department engaged Talent Partners Hansen and Searson to conduct the executive recruitment process.
- e) The total cost to the Department of engaging Talent Partners Hansen and Searson was \$33,000 (GST Inclusive).