

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-239

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY - ADDITIONAL FUNDING -
EXTENSION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

Australian Red Cross Society - additional funding - extension

The 2010-11 Budget allocated \$5.1m to the Australian Red Cross Society in 2011-12. The funds were to "assist the Australian Red Cross Society to perform its health related work in humanitarian relief and community support in Australia and the region".

- a) Did DoHA place any requirements on the Red Cross for the \$5.1m additional funding?
- b) If so, what are they?
- c) What are the reporting obligations for the Red Cross in terms of this funding?
- d) Please advise the Committee whether the money is being spent in accordance with Commonwealth guidelines and if the reporting obligations have been met.
- e) What has this money been spent on? Please provide the Committee with a breakdown of expenditure, by year, to date.
- f) Has any of this additional funding been spent on Indigenous communities?
- g) If so, how much and what programs? Please provide a summary of the program, the amount of expenditure and when the money was spent. If \$\$ aren't available, what programs have been provided by the Red Cross in Indigenous communities as a result of this funding?
- h) Has the Red Cross used this money to fund programs that facilitate the provision of fresh food in Indigenous communities?
- i) How many Indigenous communities has the Red Cross assisted in the past year?

Answer:

a) – i)

There is currently no deed of agreement in place with the Australian Red Cross Society for the use of funds allocated for 2011-12 and therefore, no funds have been paid to the Society. The funds paid to the Society in 2010-11 are in the process of being acquitted, and the new agreement will be drafted once the acquittal has been completed. The Australian Red Cross Society has supplied a draft final report to the Department relating to funded activities undertaken in 2010-11, which is being assessed.