

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 21 October 2011

Question: E11-435

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: PETROL SNIFFING

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Senator Siewert asked:

Jigalong Community in relation to Opal fuel

- a) What feedback have you had?
- b) Do you know why?
- c) How long have you been engaging with them?

If you could take these on notice, that would be great.

Answer:

- a) – c) The Department of Health and Ageing has been trying to hold discussions with the Jigalong Community since late 2010, however up until now has been unsuccessful. The Department has been working closely with the South Hedland Indigenous Coordination Centre to introduce Opal fuel to the community and will continue to work with the South Hedland Indigenous Coordination Centre to progress discussions.

Since the October 2011 estimates hearing, the Department has been in contact with the Chief Executive Officer of Jigalong Community. He has agreed to allow the Department to attend a Community meeting in February/March 2012.