

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-097

OUTCOME 8: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Topic: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING PROGRAM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewert asked:

The Department recently revised the Bringing them Home manual which advises the service providers how to prioritise their resources - this is the only policy document available in regards to the Bringing them Home program. Did the Department consult with national Stolen Generations bodies on the revisions made/being considered. If not, will they consult?

Answer:

The manuals are primarily an operational tool, and it is appropriate that these were revised in close consultation with service providers who are the primary users of the manuals. National Stolen Generations bodies were also given an opportunity to comment on the manuals prior to publication.