

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-055

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: COMMISSIONED REPORTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McKenzie asked:

- a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your Portfolio FYTD?
- b) Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
- c) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost?
- d) How many Departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- e) What is the current status of each report?
- f) When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

The term 'reports' is fairly broad and ambiguous. In answering this question, the Department has interpreted it to refer to major policy associated reports, asked for by Cabinet or the Minister. This answer excludes internal reports which are undertaken as part of the day-to-day management of programs, or which are undertaken as part of administrative processes, and excludes report publications which are produced as part of statutory obligations and program responsibilities of the Health and Ageing Portfolio.

Answers to questions a), b), c), d), e) and f) below.

a) The total number of reports commissioned by the Government in the Health and Ageing portfolio in the Financial Year to Date is one (1).

OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF PATIENTS TREATED WITH ANTICOAGULATION THERAPIES

b) Date Commissioned	30 September 2011
b) Date report handed to government	N/A.
b) Date of public release	N/A
b) Terms of reference	The Terms of Reference have not been finalised, however, in broad terms, the report will inform the Government on options for improving the health outcomes of patients treated with anticoagulation therapies, including optimising the use of currently available treatments in Australia as well as the future role of newer therapies for the treatment of atrial fibrillation, such as Pradaxa®.
b) Committee members	Emeritus Professor Lloyd Sansom AO has been commissioned to conduct the report. Other committee members, if relevant, are to be advised.
c) Cost of report/ estimation of cost (\$)	Estimation of costs will not be known until Terms of Reference have been finalised.
d) How many departmental staff were involved and at what level?	Staffing requirements will not be known until Terms of Reference have been finalised.
e) Current Status	Terms of Reference being considered by Government.
f) Date of expected Government Response	Terms of Reference being considered by Government.