

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-119

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: CONSULTING WITH STAKEHOLDERS ABOUT THE NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM AGREEMENT

Written Question on Notice

Senator Furner asked:

What has been the consultative process in communicating and in consulting with the stakeholders about the National Health Reform Agreement in 13 locals across the country.

Answer:

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on 2 August 2011 that First Ministers had agreed the National Health Reform Agreement, a series of briefings was held in all capital cities and selected regional centres, commencing on Monday 29 August and concluding on Tuesday 13 September 2011.

These events took place in:

- Hobart, Monday 29 August;
- Launceston, Tuesday 29 August;
- Melbourne, Wednesday 30 August;
- Ballarat, Wednesday 30 August;
- Sydney, Thursday 1 September;
- Canberra, Thursday 1 September;
- Adelaide, Monday 5 September;
- Darwin, Tuesday 6 September;
- Alice Springs, Wednesday 7 September;
- Perth, Thursday 8 September (in response to extremely high demand two events were held on this date);
- Bunbury, Friday 9 September;
- Townsville, Monday 12 September; and
- Brisbane, Tuesday 13 September.

Information on the schedule of briefings was distributed through key national stakeholder groups, on a state by state basis, and was made publicly available through both email advice to registered users of the yourHealth.gov.au website and through notices on the yourHealth website. Interested stakeholders were able to register for the events through the yourHealth website. The events attracted significant interest from across the health sector, with over 1200 people attending the briefings.

On Wednesday 7 September 2011 Minister Roxon released the *National Health Reform: Progress and Delivery* publication. The publication provides details of the Australian Government's national health reform agenda, the National Health Reform Agreement and other related National Partnership agreements, their purpose and progress to date. In the weeks following the briefings, a copy of this publication was distributed to each of those who registered to attend a briefing.