

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-196

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: HEALTH AND HOSPITALS FUND

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

The 2010-11 Annual Report notes that 88% of progress reports from contracted projects met agreed requirements in 2010-11 (p.277).

- a) Of the reports not accepted, what were the main reasons for reports not meeting agreed requirements?
- b) What is the time frame for these reports to be resubmitted according to the agreed requirements?
- c) Is compliance with reporting requirements linked to achievement of performance milestones?
- d) Have any projects not had payments withheld as a result of not complying with reporting requirements?

Answer:

- a) Answered at Senate Estimates page 123 of the Hansard  
Ms Hancock: The main reasons were essentially insufficient information in the report provided.
- b) If the reports have been rejected they are required to be re-submitted with the amendments as soon as possible.
- c) Achievement of milestones relates to the construction process. Once an agreed milestone has been achieved and a satisfactory report is submitted then payment is made. Regular progress reporting is also required.
- d) Answered at Senate Estimates page 123 of the Hansard  
Ms Hancock: Some payments have been delayed while we sort out the additional information.