

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-200

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: HEALTH AND HOSPITALS FUND

Written Question on Notice

Senator Judith Adams asked:

- a) Are you planning an evaluation of the Department's approach to contract management?
- b) What criteria does the Department use to determine whether milestones outlined in the agreement have been met (page 277 of the Annual Report)?

Answer:

- a) In the HHF program the Department continues on an ongoing basis to implement best practice delivery of the program including the management of contracts with funding recipients. The Department evaluates performance against the management of the HHF contracts on a continuous basis.
- b) The Department assesses the information provided by the funding recipients to determine whether milestones have been met. The funding arrangements are structured in such a way that milestones outlined in each agreement are clear, identifiable and measureable. This allows both the Department and the funding recipient to be clear as to whether they have been met.