

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-215

OUTCOME 6: Rural Health

Topic: RURAL LOCUM SUPPORT - RURAL HEALTH OUTREACH FUND

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

Page 6 DoHA 2010-11 Annual Report states that from 1 July 2012 the bulk of MSOAP will form part of the new Rural Health Outreach Fund. Also, says that the implementation of maternity services program has been slow.

What services won't form part of the new Rural Health Outreach Fund? Will these services continue to be funded? If so, through what program?

Answer:

The only existing component of the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program (MSOAP) funding that will not be included in the Rural Health Outreach Fund is the MSOAP - Indigenous Chronic Disease. This will be included in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Chronic Disease Fund.