

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-264

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: FUNDING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How many act of grace payments were made in 2010/11 and what were the reasons for the payments?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing made eighteen payments in financial year 2010-2011 under the act of grace discretionary compensation mechanism. The payments were authorised under section 33 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* because the Finance Minister or delegate in the Department of Finance and Deregulation considered it appropriate to do so because of special circumstances. The reasons for the payments related to Medicare benefits foregone in respect of certain medical services, provision of medical or dental services and the provision of aged care.