

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

I am asking for when you sent question numbers 464 and 465 to the Minister's office. I really want to know how long they have been sitting in the Minister's office.

Answer:

Courtesy copies of responses to questions 464 and 465 were first provided by the Department to the Minister's Office in late June 2011. The Department was requested to complete further work and a final response was subsequently not sent to the Committee until 18 October 2011.

While every effort is made to provide answers within the allotted time, there are a number of factors which can lead to delays in responding, including the large number of questions asked on notice of the Department (567 questions were taken on notice from the Budget Estimates Hearing with a further 681 parts), and the complexity and level of detail requested in many questions.

The Department endeavours to answer all questions from the Committee in a timely manner.