

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-269

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Moore asked:

It should be useful for the Committee if you would table the list of statistics you have about questions on notice?

Answer:

SUMMARY OF KEY STATISTICS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING'S QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-12 HEARING – 30-31 MAY AND 3 JUNE 2011

Number of questions received: 567 (681 parts)

Of the 567 QoNs 67 are from Hansard and 440 were provided on notice in writing after the June estimates hearing. (The majority of these were received by the Department on 16 and 17 June, more than 2 weeks after the Hearing.)

Number outstanding as at 19 October 2011 (Supplementary Budget Estimates): 0

The last 3 QoNs were provided on 18 October 2011, the day before Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing.

Answers sent to Committee Secretariat – Due date to Committee 22 July 2011

On time:	33% (184)
Less than one month late:	42% (238)
Less than two months late:	5% (29)
Less than three months late:	20% (116)
Total:	100% (527)

Key timing statistics

On time:	33% (184)
2 weeks before Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing:	98% (558)

Increase in questions from Hearings

57% increase from Budget Estimates 2010-11 to Budget Estimates 2011-12 (1 year).

198% overall increase over 3 years 2008-09 to 2010-11 covering Budget, Supplementary and Additional Estimates.

In comparison with other portfolios for Budget Estimates 2011-12*

- DAFF 297
- PM&C 152
- DBCDE 416
- DEEWR 491
- FACHSIA 446

* Numbers sourced from Committee websites.