

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Medical Research

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

- a) Medical research, when will advisory body be up and running for MRFF?
- b) Will 43m dementia money be signed off by them before it gets released?

Answer:

- a) The timing for appointments to the Australian Medical Research Advisory Board is a decision for Government.
- b) On 19 October the Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP and the Minister for Education and Training, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham announced the \$43 million funding outcomes of applications for the National Health and Medical Research Council – Australian Research Council Dementia Research Development Fellowships scheme.

This funding is not being drawn from the Medical Research Future Fund and is not subject to Medical Research Future Fund processes. The \$43 million in funding is part of the Government's \$200 million election commitment to dementia research and has been approved for release through National Health and Medical Research Council – Australian Research Council approval processes.