

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 21 October 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Australian Prostate Cancer Research and the Australian Centre for Prostate Cancer and Men's Health

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Carr, Kim

**Question:**

- a) What meetings and correspondence has the Health Minister (either Dutton or Ley) or the Department of Health had with the Australian Prostate Cancer Research or the Australian Centre for Prostate Cancer and Men's Health?
- b) Has the Minister responded to any correspondence from Australian Prostate Cancer Research or the Australian Centre for Prostate Cancer and Men's Health? If not, why not?

**Answer:**

- a) On 27 June 2014, the previous Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP met with representatives of Australian Prostate Cancer Research (APCR) and received a verbal request for funding of \$3 million for the Australian Centre for Prostate Cancer and Men's Health (the Centre).

On 20 November 2014, Minister Dutton opened the Centre. On 21 November 2014, APCR wrote to Minister Dutton thanking him for opening the Centre and sought advice on a one off grant for infrastructure and start-up costs.

On 23 January 2015, the Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP wrote to APCR to advise that no funding was available for the Centre.

On 7 May 2015 the Minister's Office received an email from the Chief Executive Officer of APCR. This email requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss Federal Government funding of \$1.5 million over three years for the Centre.

On 18 May 2015, the Department of Health received the APCR 5 Year (2013-2018) Business Plan from Minister Ley's office and a request from APCR for funding to "underpin the day to day operational costs of the Centre and provide a financial 'safety net' to the organisation for the next three years."

On 6 July 2015, Minister Ley visited the Centre. During the visit Minister Ley advised APCR that no funding is available.

- b) On 23 January 2015, the Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP wrote to APCR.