

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-079

OUTCOME 10: Health Systems Capacity and Quality

Topic: PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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Senator Boyce asked:

I would like to understand what the arrangement actually is because it is not what I understood the report to be telling me, in terms of you managing a research program for the department of health in this area.

Answer:

NHMRC administers palliative care research on behalf of the Department of Health and Ageing (the Department). Through this arrangement specific calls for applications were conducted, the last of these was in 2006-07. It is this research funding that is reported on page 271 of the Department's 2009-10 Annual Report.

NHMRC also funds palliative care research through its standard funding schemes, so that NHMRC's reporting includes both NHMRC and the Department's funded research.

In the last 10 years, about \$16 million has been committed to palliative care research. The following tables provide a breakdown of palliative care research that has been funded by the Department and NHMRC.

Expenditure for All Active Grants by Calendar Year - Palliative Care Research

Year	DoHA	NHMRC	Total
2000		\$131,360	\$131,360
2001		\$55,329	\$55,329
2002	\$457,652	\$72,346	\$529,998
2003	\$758,953	\$146,160	\$905,113
2004	\$944,474	\$135,598	\$1,080,072
2005	\$916,670	\$60,707	\$977,377
2006	\$426,023	\$450,375	\$876,398
2007	\$310,907	\$607,024	\$917,931
2008	\$1,586,346	\$871,129	\$2,457,475
2009	\$1,809,480	\$1,212,154	\$3,021,634
2010	\$755,210	\$1,501,252	\$2,256,462
Total to date	\$7,965,715	\$5,243,434	\$13,209,149

Commitments for New Grants by Calendar Year - Palliative Care Research

Year	DoHA	NHMRC	Total
2000		\$131,360	\$131,360
2001		\$182,629	\$182,629
2002	\$1,549,921	\$153,300	\$1,703,221
2003	\$420,000	\$68,250	\$488,250
2004	\$1,634,964	\$236,375	\$1,871,339
2006		\$1,233,953	\$1,233,953
2007	\$3,684,758	\$718,335	\$4,403,093
2008	\$697,271	\$1,237,598	\$1,934,869
2009		\$1,329,815	\$1,329,815
2010		\$1,405,954	\$1,405,954
Total	\$7,986,914	\$7,974,346	\$15,961,260