

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-092

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: THE JEANNIE FERRIS 2010 NATIONAL CENTRE FOR GYNAECOLOGICAL
CANCERS CONSUMER CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIP

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Senator Moore asked:

On notice, Dr Zorbas, could we actually get some information. I am sure members of the committee would like to send their wishes, because it is the inaugural winner, and we would like to do that for all the winners, but it would just be a nice link with our committee.

Answer:

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Merran Williams is a survivor of ovarian cancer and recipient of the 2010 *Jeannie Ferris, National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers Consumer Churchill Fellowship*.

Also a registered nurse, Ms Williams has broad experience and interest in health promotion, public health, service improvement and nursing care. Ms Williams has a Masters of Health Science (Health Promotion) and is currently project coordinator of the Queensland component of the Gynaecological Cancers Workforce Initiative: a project funded by the National Centre for Gynaecological Cancers.

Ms Williams will use the Jeannie Ferris Churchill Fellowship to visit gynaecological cancer centres of excellence in the USA with a focus on survivorship programs. These will include cancer survivorship clinics in Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York and MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas. Ms Williams will also visit a cancer prevention laboratory in Denver where large studies are underway into diet as a means of preventing cancer recurrence.

Ms Williams leaves on 23 April and returns on 23 May 2011.