

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-098

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: NATIONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITALS NETWORK

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

If the Health Minister or DoHA decided to overhaul the first National Health and Hospital Network, please advise:

- a) When the Health Minister or DoHA first made other Ministers and their Department aware that a new agreement was being considered?

If the decision to overhaul the first National Health and Hospitals Network was not made by the Health Minister or DoHA, please advise:

- b) When the Health Minister or DoHA were first made aware that a new health proposal was being considered?
- c) When was DoHA first asked to provide advice?

Answer:

a – c)

The Minister for Health and Ageing and her office were in close consultation with the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister's Office, and likewise with the Treasurer and the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and their offices.

The Department of Health and Ageing was consulting with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Treasury and the Department of Finance and Deregulation.