

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-119

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: HEALTH REFORM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) How many people within the Minister's Office and the Department were working on the Rudd Health Reform Mark 1 reforms that have now been dumped?
- b) When did they stop?
- c) Did all those people switch to Health Reform Mark II?
- d) How many staff hours were spent on Health Reform Mark I and Health Reform Mark II?
- e) What was the cost in wages and staff expenses, including any overtime payments or time off in lieu?
- f) How many meetings were held with consultants and stakeholders?

Answer:

a – f)

As noted by the Secretary during Estimates (CA 23 of Hansard on 23 February 2011), work on reform occurs across the entire Department, it is impossible to approximate the number of people that have been working on the reforms.