

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-2011, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-125

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: EXPERT PANEL TO REVIEW ELECTIVE SURGERY AND EMERGENCY  
DEPARTMENT TARGETS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In the Heads of Agreement signed on 13 February 2011 there is a reference to an Expert Panel to be appointed by COAG and to issue its first report prior to 30 June 2011. The Expert Panel will comprise a chair, an expert clinician and a former senior health administrator, according to the Heads of Agreement. In relation to this expert panel, please advise:

- a) How will these panel members be selected?
- b) Will they be hand-picked by the Prime Minister or the Health Minister?
- c) When will the Expert Panel be chosen?
- d) When will the public be informed?
- e) Is Dr Stephen Duckett being considered for one of the roles?

Answer:

- a) Minister Roxon wrote to states and territories on 22 February 2011 to request that they put forward nominations for appointees to the Expert Panel to Review Elective Surgery and Emergency Department Targets. The membership of the Expert Panel will be agreed by COAG.
- b) Refer to a).
- c) The Expert Panel was announced by Minister Roxon on 10 May 2011.
- d) Refer to c).
- e) Refer to a).