

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-2011, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-161

OUTCOME 7: Hearing Services

Topic: HEAR US INQUIRY

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Did DoHA provide a response to the Hear Us Inquiry which reported on 13 May 2010?
- b) When did Minister Roxon approve the response?
- c) If it has not been approved, what is the timetable for it to be approved and delivered to the Senate Community Affairs reference Committee?
- d) If it has not been approved what is the reason for the delay?

Answer:

- a) No. The final response is still to be provided.
- b) N/A.
- c) The timing of the response is a matter for the Government.
- d) The Department is responsible for coordinating input from the relevant portfolios for consideration by the Government. The matters under consideration are complex and wide ranging. The Report proposes significant changes which will have policy and financial implications requiring consideration more broadly by the Government in the context of other priorities.