

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-232

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: DEMENTIA – ALZHEIMER’S AUSTRALIA

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Alzheimer's Australia (AA) complained on 11th May 2010 through a press release that they were ignored in the budget last year. On 31st May they were given approval for funding.

- a) Were representations made on behalf of Alzheimer’s Australia?
- b) Who provided this representation?
- c) What was the nature of this representation?
- d) Did the representation result in a change of mind?

Answer:

a, b, c, d)

Representations were made throughout May and June 2010, on behalf of Alzheimer’s Australia, concerning future funding for the Dementia Initiative, which includes the National Dementia Support Program. The representations sought to make dementia a priority of the 2010-11 Budget and the COAG health reforms.

Departmental records identify that ministerial representations were received between May and June 2010, on behalf of Alzheimer’s Australia, by:

1. The Hon Anna Bligh MP
2. The Hon Bill Shorten MP
3. The Hon Dr Bob Such MP
4. Dr Dennis Jensen MP
5. The Hon Greg Hunt MP
6. Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald
7. The Hon J D Hill MP
8. Mr Kelvin Thomson MP
9. Senator Sue Boyce
10. The Hon Tony Burke MP
11. The Hon Warren Snowdon MP

Representations received from Alzheimer's Australia Inc and its member organisations included:

1. Mr Glenn Rees, CEO Alzheimer's Australia Inc
2. The Hon John Watkins, CEO Alzheimer's Australia NSW
3. Ms Lynette Moore, CEO Alzheimer's Australia Vic
4. Ms Victoria Beedle, CEO Alzheimer's Australia Qld

The funding agreed to in late May 2010 was to continue activity that had been funded since July 2006 for a further three years. This decision did not involve new funding being provided in the 2010-11 Budget context.