Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Topic: CONSUMER HEALTH FORUM OF AUSTRALIA – OUR HEALTH, OUR

COMMUNITY PROJECT

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Senator Adams asked:

Was the health consumers' forum put to tender, or how were they allocated that funding?

Answer:

The Our Health, Our Community project is an initiative of the Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF). The CHF approached the government for funding and was successful in seeking support. CHF was subsequently contracted by the Department to undertake the project. The engagement of CHF recognises the organisation's background and experience as the national peak body representing the interests of Australian healthcare consumers, with its national membership including well over 100 other health consumer organisations.