

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2013 - 2014, 26 February 2014

Ref No: SQ14-000337

OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Health Star Rating Website

Type of Question: Hansard Page 045, 26 February 2014

Senator: Faulkner John

Question:

Senator FAULKNER: Can I ask: did the senior officer make a file note?

Mr Booth: I made a note later on.

Senator WONG: Do you have a copy of that here?

Mr Booth: No, Senator.

Senator WONG: Can you provide it?

Prof Halton: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

The file note refers to a number of telephone calls from Assistant Minister, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, and her advisers to officers of the Department of Health between 4:45pm and 7:00pm on 5 February 2014 asking for the Health Star Rating website to be removed, and following up on the status of this request. The file note confirms that the website was removed at 8:45pm.