

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Department of Human Services

**Topic:** Australian Hearing - services

**Question reference number:** HS 152

**Senator:** Cameron

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) Regarding the \$3.483m cut to services outlined in p.53 of the Department of Health 2015-16 Additional Estimates Statement, what consultations have occurred between the Department of Health and Australian Hearing as to where this cut will be made? Are there any details yet as to where these cuts will have to be made?
- b) Has any preliminary work been done between DHS and Australian Hearing to prepare a bid to continue and or increase its services to deaf and hearing impaired Australians?

#### **Answer:**

- a) Australian Hearing has been advised by the Office of Hearing Services that the measure published under *Changes to Administered Appropriations – More Efficient Health Programmes* contained in the Department of Health's 2015-16 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement will not be applied to the hearing CSO Budget in 2015-16 or the out years of the forward estimates. There will be no cuts to the hearing CSO Budget.
- b) No.