Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Prior to this announcement, would any of those companies have had any reason to expect that the \$10 million threshold for cabinet consideration was no longer going to remain intact?
- b) Was the threshold of \$20 million discussed with anyone?

Answer:

- a) There was not prior discussion with companies about Government policy regarding the \$10 million threshold.
- b) Not by the Department of Health and Ageing.