

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Question: E12-191**

**OUTCOME 6:** Rural Health

**Topic:** RURAL HEALTH OUTREACH FUND

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

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**Senator:** Senator McKenzie

**Question:**

- a) What impact has the government grant freeze had on the Rural Health Outreach Fund?
- b) Is it on track to hold a funding round prior to June 30 2013?
- c) Have the guidelines and criteria been established?

**Answer:**

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing was unable to finalise arrangements for the Invitation to Apply (ITA) for the Rural Health Outreach Fund during the grant freeze period.
- b) Yes
- c) Yes. Guidelines including eligibility criteria have been established and will be released with the Rural Health Outreach Fund ITA package.