

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014

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OUTCOME: 2 – Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Topic: Outsourcing of Payment Systems

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

- a) How many responses to the request for expressions of interest were received?
- b) What were the number, if any, of overseas companies that responded to the EOI?
- c) What industries and field of expertise were represented?
- d) What is the timetable that has been set for the progression the EOI?

Answer:

a), b) and c)

A large number of responses were received from a wide variety of commercial organisations. Some of these had an international presence.

- d) The Department of Health commenced work on the Expression of Interest in June 2014, with the market testing released on Austender in August 2014. The outcome of this process will be considered by Government in the coming months.