

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Existing Resources Program

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Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 how many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?

a) List each.

b) List the staffing assigned to each task.

c) What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?

d) What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

Answer:

1. a) to d)

The allocation of funds to progress the Government's policies and programmes is undertaken within the Department of Health's business planning framework. The detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources of which the Department is not currently in a position to undertake.