

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Rheumatic Heart Disease

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**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

Could you then provide the elements of the review that go to the effectiveness and the outcomes for this particular round?

**Answer:**

The independent review and evaluation of the Australian Government's Rheumatic Fever Strategy (RFS) focused on five questions:

1. Has the RFS been implemented as expected and what have been the enablers/barriers to implementation?
2. Have the expected outcomes of the RFS been achieved or are they likely to be achieved?
3. Are there other tools or methods of prevention, detection, monitoring or treatment that could be funded to improve diagnosis and treatment outcomes without significantly increasing the cost of the RFS?
4. What is the overall cost of implementing the RFS and to what extent does the Commonwealth's contribution represent value for money?
5. How sustainable are the RFS initiatives beyond the agreed funding period?